Phils beat Yankees

The defending world champion Phillies beat the Yankees in Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday night, 6-1. **1B**

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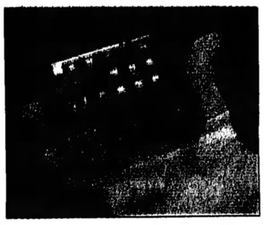

Dulling Apple?

Backers hope a new smart phone introduced Wednesday will dull the luster of Apple's iPhone. **7A**

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Sad journey

President Barack Obama made a midnight dash to Dover Air Base in Delaware on Wednesday to honor the return of fallen soldiers, absorbing the ultimate cost of war as the United States endures its deadliest month of the Afghanistan campaign. **5A**

No tax hike

Westmoreland County residents likely will avoid any real estate tax increase next year, the county commissioners revealed Wednesday. But, they said, the county still is facing some financial challenges. **3A**

SPORTS

A prog what?

The Swami didn't devote much effort to this week's selections because, after a caller referred to him as a "prognosticator," he spent the bulk of his time deciding whether he should thank the guy or sue him. **1B**

DEATHS

- Doris Ruth Breckenridge, 80, of Rostraver Township
- A. Wayne Conkle, 92, of Bentleyville
- Leroy Horner Jr., 60, of Charleroi
- Raymond Vagli, 87, of Monroeville, formerly of Monessen
- Robert (Bob) Yuhas, 63, of Santa Monica, Calif., formerly of Donora

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Tonight Mostly cloudy 48°

Tomorrow Cloudy 68°

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Szakal gets life - plus

Judge hands him life in prison plus another 20 to 40 years in the "senseless, brutal, heinous" murders of a Carroll Township couple.

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WASHINGTON, Pa. – Family members described Howard and Nancy Springer Wednesday as loving, caring people whose dream of being grandparents died in their home with them.

Washington County Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca told Gerald Szakal, the man convicted of killing them, that "two fine contributors to society were snuffed out" because of him.

"You're going to have the rest of your life to think about that," O'Dell Seneca told Szakal before sentencing him.

"I hope the good Lord sees you in a different light than I do. The whole thing was senseless, brutal, heinous."

Szakal, 27, of Webster, was sentenced to a life in prison without parole plus an additional 20 to 40 years in jail for robbing and fatally shooting retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer, and his wife, Nancy, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road.

O'Dell Seneca sentenced him to two concurrent life sentences for the deaths and a consecutive jail term for the robberies. Terms of 3 1/2 to seven years for receiving stolen property were also concurrent. He also was ordered to pay the Springer estate $6,782.

Police said Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township house and sold them to the Springers, who operated a precious metals business out of their home.

The prosecution contended Szakal murdered the couple because their business logs could have proved he committed the thefts.

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Gerald Szakal

Getting a jump on Halloween

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

These Donora youngsters dressed for the occasion Wednesday, when they participated in trick-or-treating sponsored by Team Charleroi in the Magic City's business district. They are, from left, Theo and Roxy Brewer, son and daughter of Christina and William Brewer, and Shawn Kasper, son of Katherine and Peter Kasper. The cats in background provide an unexpected seasonal touch to the Halloween scene.

Bill would downsize Legislature

Latest plan to cut size of state General Assembly uses a gradual approach.

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HARRISBURG — Knowing state lawmakers are loathe to eliminate their own seats, a Republican senator Wednesday proposed a slow-motion plan to reduce the size of the Legislature each decade.

Pennsylvania has the largest full-time Legislature in the nation — a 203-member House and 50-member Senate. Scores of proposals to reduce the size of the General Assembly have died in committee over the years.

Sen. David Argall, of Schuylkill County, said he is introducing legislation that would eliminate 10 House seats every decade through 2053. The Senate would lose one seat in 2012, two in 2023 and two in 2033. Eventually, the state House would be cut to 153 members and the Senate to 45.

"The main problem regarding this issue is that it has proven very difficult for generations to pass this bill," Argall said. "I can summarize the problem in one simple question: How do you get someone to vote to cancel their own job?"

Sen. John Pippy, R-Moon, who has had a bill pending for several sessions to reduce the House to 161 members and the Senate to 40 seats, said he welcomes Argall's involvement.

"It's a positive step that other measures are being introduced," Pippy said.

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Local transit authority chief denies route cuts being eyed

Valerie Kissell said picketing bus drivers may have misled customers to believe some routes are being eliminated.

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While an official of the union representing bus drivers on Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority routes is claiming that contract negotiations with the bus lines are not going well, the executive director of the authority says there are no plans to cut routes.

In response to members of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1743 conducting informational pickets Tuesday along bus stops in the Mon Valley, MMVTA executive director Valerie Kissell said the drivers may have given customers misinformation about "numerous runs and service cuts" to MMVTA routes.

"This is false information that I am certain has caused concern among the riders," Kissell said. "All route schedules, rates and service levels are determined by the Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority, and First Transit has no influence on this process."

First Transit is the Cincinnati-based bus company that has the contract for MMVTA routes. The contract between First Transit and Local

(See BUS ROUTES, Page 4A)

Ruling delayed on Perry treatment center

Residents oppose the idea of recovering heroin addicts frequenting the community.

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The Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board delayed ruling Wednesday on a Washington County-based company's request for a special exception for a substance-abuse treatment facility in Perry Township.

LLS Realty is seeking the special exception to operate the treatment center for recovering heroin addicts in a building it owns in a business zone on Route 51.

During a public hearing yesterday, about 40 residents of the township and nearby Perryopolis Borough turned out in opposition of the facility.

Roy G. Giovanelli, of Perryopolis Borough, said he "doesn't want drug addicts coming into the township to get fixes."

Dale Carson, of Perryopolis, said he fears for the safety of children who use a nearby football field.

Roy Black, of Perryopolis, advised the board to deny the request because most residents oppose it.

"It's what the people want," Black said. "It's not what an individual wants, who's in it for the profits."

Township Supervisor A.J. Boni said traffic safety is another concern.

"I'm sure PennDOT can't be aware of an extra 300 to 500 vehicles in a five-hour period," Boni said, referring to the clinic's operational hours. "It's a time bomb waiting to happen."

Boni said the township is concerned that if the special exception is granted, LLS will expand the facility to the point it will attract "thousands" of clients daily.

Joshua Farber, attorney for LLS, said the company would not object to a special condition that would prohibit it from expanding on the site.

The board yesterday delayed ruling on LLS's request, pending submission of its highway occupancy permit for the site. Farber said PennDOT has issued the permit, but it was not available for yesterday's hearing.

LLS is to submit the permit by Monday. Attorneys for the township and school district will then have until Nov. 5 to review the permit and indicate whether they want to present additional testimony regarding the permit. If they want another hearing, it will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 18, and the board will have 45 days from that date to issue a ruling.

If the attorneys do not want a hearing, the board will issue its ruling within 45 days of yesterday's hearing, said Gretchen Mundorff, solicitor for the board.

LLS Realty originally applied for a special exception in March 2005. The zoning board approved the request, but the township appealed. Judge Steve Leskinen sent the matter back to the board.

Instead of pursuing a special exception at that time, LLS Realty opened the office and offered a different type of drug treatment for heroin addicts.

In August 2008, the zoning board upheld a cease-and-desist order against the facility.

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If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

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Weather

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Szakal (FROM PAGE ONE)

He was convicted of the murders Oct. 1.

Before learning his sentence, Szakal heard the tearful words of the couple's daughter, Jill Danish; daughter-in-law, Christine Springer, and Nancy's sister, Sally Kevech.

Danish described her parents as "the best friends I knew" and "the kind of people who would help anyone." She told Szakal, "There's nothing you can do to bring them back."

Christine Springer read a letter from her husband, the couple's son, Chad.

In it, Chad Springer described the frantic telephone call he received from his sister when she discovered their parents dead in the home. He recounted how well his parents raised him, saying, "I never got in trouble because I never wanted to disappoint them."

In the letter, Chad Springer said videos and photographs are all they have left to remember their parents by.

Chad Springer said the pain remains.

"My parents were taken advantage of and they never saw it coming," Chad Springer said in his letter.

Looking at Szakal, Christine Springer concluded reading the letter by saying, "You say 'sorry' for spending too much for a pair of shoes. You don't say 'sorry' for killing someone's parents."

Kevech described the close relationship she had with her sister and how they looked after her after Kevech's husband passed away in 1999.

Kevech said her sister dreamed about being a grandparent.

"It breaks my heart because this is not going to happen," she said.

Kevech described Nancy Springer as a "sweet lady" and great teacher, recalling how she helped a family who lost everything in a fire.

Kevech concluded her remarks by reading what she called "the Dash Poem."\That dash represents everything one does on earth – the dash on a tombstone between the date of birth and the date of death.

"When your eulogy is being read, would you be proud of the things that are said about you while you were living your dash?" Kevech said.

Defense attorney Noah Geary asked the judge to consider concurrent, not consecutive, terms for Szakal, because there are still questions unanswered about the actions of co-defendant Tecko Dwayne Tartt.

The prosecution contended that Tartt provided the murder weapon, but the defense contended he pulled the trigger.

Tartt, who pleaded guilty to robbery and criminal conspiracy to commit robbery, has been sentenced to 7 1/2 to 15 years in the state prison. He testified against Szakal.

O'Dell Seneca told Szakal he received the best possible defense.

She also praised the jury's work, saying its verdict confirmed her belief all along that this was a second-degree homicide. She noted that Szakal took the stand and admitted to being at the scene on the night the robbery and murders occurred.

O'Dell Seneca told Szakal, "These two people took care of you, fed you and even gave you money when you needed it."

"No doubt in my mind, you knew someone could get hurt or killed," O'Dell Seneca said. "I kept asking myself, 'Who would risk that, especially if they thought of the people as friends?'"

District Attorney Steve Toprani commended the Springer family for speaking.

"We're just happy to stand as the law enforcement community with the Springer family," said Toprani, who grew up in the neighborhood where the Springers resided.

Geary said he and co-counsel Erin Dickerson would file an appeal to the state Superior Court, seeking a new trial.

O'Dell Seneca reminded the defense that Geary was court appointed.

Geary acknowledged because his client was sentenced to life, not death, that he is no longer the court-appointed attorney. Geary said he will discuss with Dickerson his continued involvement in the case.

If an appeal is filed, Toprani said, his office will "meet it with the same zeal as we have in the past."

Legislature (FROM PAGE ONE)

Critics, though, say reducing the size of the Legislature would increase district size — thus making citizens distant from lawmakers and failing to reduce costs in a substantial way.

"It's important to do what we can to reduce costs and save money for the taxpayers, but we must also be careful not to sacrifice our representative democracy or the people's ability to access their government in the process," said Brett Marcy, spokesman for House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne County.

Rep. Mark Mustio, R-Moon, who has a companion House bill to Pippy's, said his legislation and Pippy's would mandate a 20 percent reduction in the Legislature's operating funds — amounting to a combined $55.3 million savings, according to Pippy's office.

Argall, elected in a special election in March, is borrowing the phase-in approach that originated in a House bill by Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Chambersburg.

Argall is combining the bill with a proposal that he believes might attract support —, that is, extending House terms from two years to four years.

Extended terms would give House members, under less pressure to campaign, more time to focus on policy, he said.

Rep. Josh Shapiro, of Montgomery County, a key Democrat who co-chaired the Speaker's Reform Commission, said members of that panel in 2007 rejected making the Legislature smaller.

He said there was concern that larger rural districts would decrease citizens' involvement and that the real issue is reducing the cost of the General Assembly.

Shapiro said he favors a smaller Legislature because it would more frequently yield consensus.

"My view is that the Legislature costs too much, and we can save money by bipartisan staffing and eliminating duplication in printing and media services," he said.

Don Thomson of North Huntingdon, chairman of the Conservative Coalition of Westmoreland County, said members of the group favor reducing the size of the Legislature.

"I just don't like four-year terms for these people," Thomson said, explaining he is concerned that would prompt House members to "put down roots, in the wrong direction."

"If it was presented to me, I'd vote for it, but I think a part-time Legislature is a better idea," said Rep. Tim Krieger, R-Hempfield.

He is co-sponsoring legislation to limit the Legislature to a two-month session every other year and establish a two-year budget cycle.

"It would change it from a professional political body to a citizens legislature," Krieger said.

"They'd make their living doing something else."

As a proposed constitutional amendment, Argall's bill, if approved next year, would need to be reapproved in 2011 to get on the ballot that November.

Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions, followed by voter approval.

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WCCC plan hinges on biz center

Utilization review provides guide for use of college facilities.

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Westmoreland County Community College board of trustees Wednesday adopted a 10-year master facilities plan presented to the public earlier in the day by Jean A. Stark of JMZ Architects and Planners of Glens Falls, N.Y.

The college retained JMZ in December 2008 to conduct a space utilization and planning needs study of the Youngwood campus and WCCC education centers in Westmoreland, Fayette, Indiana and Greene counties.

"They looked at the use of classrooms, the number of students, peak times of day, in every classroom and every building," spokeswoman Anna Marie Palatella said last month.

Last night, Stark recommended a two-phase plan, each phased in over five years.

Much of the overall plan depends upon the relocation of the school's Business and Industry Center at the main campus.

Last month, President Daniel Obara said the college is looking for a facility to house the existing credit programs and to provide customized job training for business and manufacturing enterprises.

The relocation could involve moving technology programs and a work force training center to leased space at the Sony Technology Center-Pittsburgh, East Huntingdon.

The Business and Industry Center will be renovated. A children's center, space for the arts program and general classroom space will eventually be relocated there.

Last night, Stark reviewed potential expansions, renovations and upgrades campus-wide, from utilizing "swing" (empty) space while other buildings undergo renovation to increased parking and banners along the school entrance.

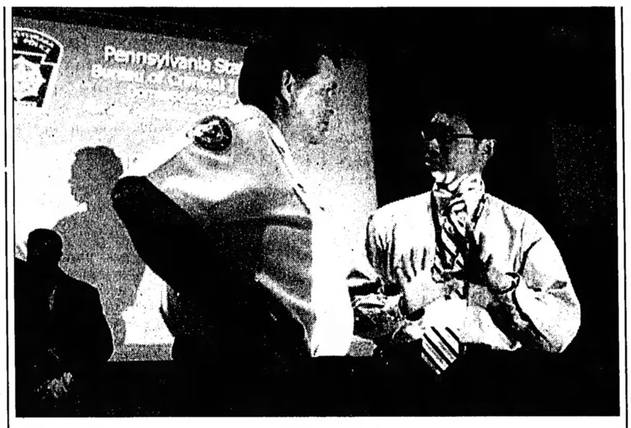
Under the first phase, recommended renovations to Founders Hall include a reconfiguration and expansion of student services, a new welcome center, relocation of administration offices to the second floor, updating existing science labs and creating a biology skills lab, relocation and renovation of faculty offices, and relocation and expansion of the security office.

A second phase could include creating a new computer resource center and an upgraded cafeteria.

Commissioners Hall recommendations included creating two new nursing labs, an open skills lab, observation and conference rooms, and a student lounge. A second phase could include a new culinary arts lab.

Science Hall appears to be in good shape, Stark said. In the future, a new theater office and additional storage space for the gallery might be considered.

It also was recommended that the college consider relocating the Mon Valley Center, located off Route 51 on Fells Church Road in Rostraver, closer to a "population center" to increase utilization.



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Peters police Chief Harry Fruecht, left, talks with California University of Pennsylvania's Dr. Raymond Hsieh during a break in a conference on school security held on the Cal U campus Wednesday.

U.S. school violence called constant threat

Topic is focus of Wednesday conference at California University of Pennsylvania.

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Between 1992 and 2007, there were 452 violent deaths in or near American schools. Twenty-eight happened in Pennsylvania, which ranked third in the nation after California and Texas.

Quoting these statistics from the National School Safety Center, Pennsylvania State Trooper Shawn Mell cautioned public school and law enforcement officials from across the state to remain vigilant at a conference on school security held at California University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday.

"There's somebody out there who wants to do better than Columbine," said Mell, a member of the state police Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Team, referring to the 1999 massacre at a high school in Littleton, Colo.

Speaking at the university's Natali Student Center, Mell told his audience that keeping their eyes and ears open about possible threats was the most important way to keep students safe.

"I think we all need to hear that and hear that again and again," said Tina Burns, principal of Franklin Regional Senior High School.

"In our schools, we have too many people getting hurt," said Gerald Zahorchak, Pennsylvania's secretary of education.

Zahorchak advocated a softer approach to combating school violence, supporting students socially and psychologically to prevent them from acting out.

But he also emphasized improving schools' emergency plans, which are required by state law.

"We have to think about how do we secure, how do we plan, how do we drill and how do we make simulations real enough," he said.

These efforts might be hindered by cuts to the state budget, however. The spending plan for the Department of Education eliminated a $21 million line item for school safety grants and alternative schools for violent youths.

Zahorchak lamented that the education budget lost out to sectors such as prisons and health care, but "we have those expenses that must be met," he said.

School emergency planning is required by law, Zahorchak said, and the money will have to come from other departments, such as the Office of Homeland Security, or from other line items in the education budget.

"We'll figure it out," he said.

Also at the conference, school and law enforcement officials learned about the psychological profiles of school shooters, who tend to be polite to adults, isolated from their peers and fascinated by explosives.

"Some of you are already thinking of students that you have in your schools," said Emily Sweitzer, a criminal justice professor and expert on school violence.

Sam Lonich, chair of the psychology department, discussed the warning signs of adolescent suicide, a far more common cause of death than homicide.

"When we look at suicides, we are looking at aggression turned inward," he said.

Ninth grade is the most dangerous year, Lonich said, and many students who are planning suicide communicate their plans at school.

"It's so much easier to prevent things," said Lisa Banasick, a psychologist in the Norwin School District, who said she had learned characteristics to watch out for in her students.

Joseph Shigle, an assistant principal at Norwin High School, said that he would present what he had learned to teachers when he returned to the district.

The district's security plan, he said, was frequently updated. Earlier this month, North Huntingdon police held a drill at the high school to practice hunting for a school shooter.

"We could encounter the same problems as anyone else," Shigle said.

Westmoreland tax hike unlikely

But Commissioners Ceraso, Balya say county still has financial problems.

For The Valley Independent

Westmoreland County residents likely will avoid any real estate tax increase next year.

That's the message the county commissioners brought to the annual Strongland Chamber of Commerce County Commissioners' Breakfast on Wednesday.

"We are not looking at a tax increase this year because of our fund balance," said Commissioner Tom Ceraso. "We have a pretty good fund balance. We were prudent, and it's a good thing. This is not the time you want to be raising taxes."

Ceraso and Commissioner Tom Balya agreed that job growth is not where they would like it to be, but said that's the result of the sour economy.

Balya said the county isn't "out of the woods yet" just because the state Legislature finally approved a budget.

Balya described it as "a stopgap" and said financial problems are likely to emerge after the new year starts.

"Budgetarily, we are surviving," Balya said.

"But we can't continue to have the same relationship with Harrisburg, where the state continues to push more of the financial load onto the counties."

Illustrating his point, he cited the court system, for which counties pay the majority of the costs.

The state, he said, is reducing Westmoreland's court reimbursement by 4 percent.

He called that "an injustice."

The state's counties, he sais, have to do a better job of lobbying, as an association, to have the state share more of the financial burden.

Readers trigger thoughts about defunct paper

Ron PAGLIA

Readers of this weekly offering are quick to respond to our request for memories to share. And their thoughtfulness rekindles accounts of Yesteryear.

A case in point are some folks in Monongahela who forwarded several copies of *The Daily Republican*, one of the best community newspapers in this Mid-Mon Valley for many, many years.

It was one of two newspapers produced by the Monongahela Publishing Co., which was based at 440 West Main St.

The other - *The Herald-American* - was located at 554 McKean Ave., Donora.

The company also had an office at 208 Fourth St, Charleroi, in its efforts to cover news throughout the area.

Typical of that work Monday through Friday are these items from the Wednesday, July 23, 1969, edition of *The Daily Republican:*

■ The Mon Valley United Fund is soliciting local business firms, asking for advance commitments for the fall campaign that opens in September. Overall goal for the 1970 campaign will be $275,00 - an increase of $10,000 over 1969. T. Fred Jenion is chairman of the Business and Industry Division, under which this solicitation is being made, and Thomas G. Johnston is vice chairman. The 1970 campaign chairman is Wilbur James.

■ Adam Byron Gordon, of Monongahela, retired after 45 years in the gas industry. All of his service was with the Southern Division of People's Gas. He moved through various positions with the utility and was a regulating and measurement specialist when he retired. He also was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows for 24 years and was completing his second five-year term as treasurer of the Municipal Authority of Monongahela.

■ New Eagle Borough Council appointed two of its members - Ray Furiga and John Kepics - as borough delegates to the Monongahela Valley Council of Governments. President Louis Leber conduced the meeting attended by Furiga, Kepics, Raymond Dombrowskyi and Louis Pianetti. Also present were Mayor George Bugaile, solicitor William H. Robinson, engineer George F. Howe, street commissioner Edward Leach and secretary Samuel L. Bedogne.

■ The Rostraver Township commissioners asked Westmoreland County for $1 million over the next 10 years to improve the township's municipal airport, located off Route 51. Township officials said the money is needed to develop new runways, build a new administration building and tower, purchase maintenance equipment, erect a fence make a and long list of other improvements.

■ The Charleroi Goodwill Club announced the annual community picnic will be held Aug. 21 at Kennywood Park during the week of he Festival of Bands. Mrs. Ena Behrendt, president of the club, said amusement tickets were being sold at 25 cents per strip - a savings of 17 cents if purchased in advance. Tickets will be sold by members of the picnic committee at tables set up in front of Dub's Cigar Store on Fifth Street.

■ Court Charleroi 669, Catholic Daughters of America, held an indoor picnic in the St. Jerome Lyceum. Mrs. Ollie Osborne and Mrs. Hirem J. Little were general chairmen, assisted by Mrs. Albert Valdiserri and Grant Regent of the Court. Mrs. Everett Hormell was in charge of entertainment, which consisted of games and cards.

■ A farewell dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Shirley Sementuh, assistant leader, by Cadet Troop 4024, of North Charleroi, in recognition of her commitment to the local troop and scouting. Mrs. Sementuh and her family had moved to Greensburg. Vicki Sementuh, a member of the troop, was presented with a going away token by the girls of the troop. It also was announced that nine members of the troop were scheduled to attend a week's stay at Camp Scoutwanda. They were Diane Barndollar, Jerilyn Boulanger, Rosemarie Chew, Cathy Gray, Karen Gray, Paula Stillitano, Mary Ann Pennline, Vicki Hladik and Vicki Sementuh.

■ C.M. Hirschi, formerly of Monongahela, helped with production of the Apollo 11 spacecraft that carried U.S. astronauts to man's first landing on the moon. Hirschi is an installation mechanic at the Space Division of North American Rockwell Corp. in Downey Calif. That division builds the Apollo spacecraft command and service modules under contract to NASA's Manned Spacecraft Program. Hirschi was graduated from Monongahela High School.

■ A neighborhood carnival for the benefit of

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DEATH NOTICES

BRECKENRIDGE — Doris Ruth Breckenridge, 80, of Rostraver Township, on Wednesday, Oct. 28. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

CONKLE — A. Wayne Conkle, of Bentleyville, on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.*

HORNER — Leroy Horner Jr., 60, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Oct. 29. James A. Rabe Funeral Home Inc., Donora.*

YUHAS — Robert "Bob" Yuhas, of Santa Monica, formerly of Donora, on Saturday, Oct. 17.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
CORACE, Dorothy A.*
HAMER, Robert J.*
VAGLI, Raymond*
* See death notice

Robert Jay Hamer
Belle Vernon (Fairhope)

Robert Jay Hamer, 65, of Belle Vernon (Fairhope), passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, in UPMC St. Margaret's Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born Sept. 23, 1944, in Pittsburgh, son of Mary Elizabeth Middleton Hamer and the late Donald William Hamer. He had been a resident of Fairhope, Washington Township, his entire life. He was a member, and served as an elder and custodian, of the Marion Presbyterian Church of Fairhope, was a member of the Bellmar High School Class of 1962, where he served on the reunion committee and was a member of the Mon Valley Church dartball league since 1977. After high school, Bob worked at Bart's Exxon and the Sadowski Sawmill until being drafted in 1965. He served with the U.S. Army Company B 25th medical battalion, 25th infantry division in Cui Chi, Vietnam, as a supply sergeant. After his return to the United States in 1967, he worked at Corning Glass in Charleroi until he got into the manpower training course for electronics in Donora, where he completed electronics training in 1968. Bob began his career as an electronics technician for Sears Roebuck and Company on Jan. 20, 1969, where he worked for the next 36 years, until his retirement in June, 2005. After a taking a year off, relaxing and playing with his grandkids, Bob found the one job that gave him the most satisfaction, driving a van for Tri County Access in Donora. In April 1969, Bob married the love of his life, Sharon Branthoover. Bob and Sharon were together for over 40 years and together they were blessed with two great sons and daughters-in-law, David J. and Rachael Hamer, of Elizabeth Township., and Donald Lee and Valerie Hamer, of Fairhope; four beautiful grandkids, Colby J., Ryan Nicholas, Cameron Jay and Courtney Leeann Hamer. Bob is also survived by his mother, Betty Hamer, a resident of the Mon Valley Care Center; one brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Arden Hamer, of Murrysville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Darla and Joe Belsick, of Fairhope, and Donna Grace and Norman Gilotty, of Fayette City; and a host of other relatives and friends. Besides his father, Bob was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilbert and Nettie Middleton and Thomas and Ethel Hamer; and a niece, Lauren Engber. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com. Funeral services will be in the funeral home 8:45 a.m. Friday, with Pastor Robert Prinkey officiating. Interment will follow in the Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, with full military honors.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Doris Ruth Breckenridge
Rostraver Township

Doris Ruth Breckenridge, 80, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in Jefferson Senior Care, Perryopolis. Born Dec. 26, 1928, in Charleroi, she was the daughter of the late Earl and Jean Elizabeth (Irwin) Zundel. A homemaker, Ruth was a member of Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township. She is survived by her two sons, Ronald B. (Kim) Breckenridge, of Perryopolis and Charles Scott (Tammy) Breckenridge, of Norwich, Vt.; daughter, Joyce A. Breckenridge, of Belle Vernon; six grandchildren, Robert, Jeremy, Sara, Johnathon, David and Malia Breckenridge; and brother, Earl (Carol) Zundel, of Rostraver Township. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles O. Breckenridge, on Nov. 11, 2007; and two sisters, Edna Hodgson and Jean Murphy. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township, (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

A. Wayne Conkle
Bentleyville

A. Wayne Conkle, 92, of Bentleyville, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at his home. Surviving are five children, John W. Conkle (Vera), of Bentleyville; Francis Martin (Elden), of Elyria, Ohio; Dorothy Martin (Oliver), of Amherst, Ohio; Sylvia Foor (the late James M.), of Grindstone; and Ocie Conkle, his beloved caretaker and with whom he resided, of Bentleyville; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Mack Conkle (Lois), of Scenery Hill; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Conkle, of Washington; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are his wife, Helen S. Huffman Conkle, and a brother, Merldean Conkle. Friends are welcomed from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the THOMPSON-MARODI FUNERAL HOME INC., 809 Main St., Bentleyville, (724-239-2255), where services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009, with the Rev. Vernon Edwards, officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. For those unable to attend, condolences can be sent at www.thompson-marodi.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dorothy A. (Woshner) Corace
Florida
Formerly of of the Pittsburgh area

Dorothy A. (Woshner) Corace, 89, died Oct. 23, 2009, in Hope Hospice, Ft. Myers, Fla. She is formerly of the Pittsburgh area. Family and friends will be received at SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME, 135 Park St., Brownsville, on Friday, Oct. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, where a prayer service will be held at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the Historic Church of St. Peter, Brownsville, with The Rev. Father James Petrovsky as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Baldwin.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Leroy Horner Jr.
Charleroi

Leroy Horner Jr., 60, of Charleroi, died Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. Mr. Horner was born Oct. 4, 1949, in North Charleroi, a son of the late Leroy Sr. and Gertrude Mae Barton Horner. He was a Presbyterian by faith, a 1967 graduate of Donora High School, and an avid Pittsburgh Steelers and fantasy football fan. Mr. Horner was preceded in death by a sister, Jesse Mae Cofer; and a nephew, Shannon Ross. Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Janet E. Thompson Horner; a son, Thomas L. Horner, of Charleroi; four sisters, Dora (Vance) Wince, of Louisiana; Mary Jane (Melvin) Gardner, of Perryopolis; Ruth (Sam) Zenobi, of Victory Hill; Paula Horner, of Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews. As per Mr. Horner's wishes, there will be no visitation, viewing, or service. The family would like to thank Dr. Ronald Lutes, Dr. Shobha Asthana, and the CCU Unit of Mon Valley Hospital. The JAMES A. RABE FUNERAL HOME INC., Donora, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the family through the funeral home. Family and friends may view the obituary and offer online condolences at www.rabefuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Raymond Vagli
Monroeville

Raymond Vagli, 87, of Monroeville, formerly of Monessen, died Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, in Forbes Regional Hospital. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (www.dalfonso-billick.com.). A complete obituary will appear in Friday's newspaper.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Robert Yuhas
Santa Monica
Formerly of Donora

Robert (Bob) Yuhas, 63, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, at his home in Santa Monica, Calif., after a year-long illness. Born Oct. 1, 1946, he was a native of Donora, and the son of the late Edward and Margaret (Sento) Yuhas. Mr. Yuhas graduated from Mon Valley Catholic High School and Columbia University, New York City, where he was captain of the Old Blue Rugby team. He worked and lived in both New York and California. He was a producer, director, and writer of television and film documentaries and a member of the PGA and the Television Academy. His most recent film about to be released, "Becoming Barack," covered Obama's Chicago years. He made numerous films for Bravo, Discovery, A&E, and the History Channel, focusing on music, culture and adventure. He is survived by his wife, Lisa Berman-Yuhas; young daughter, Chiara Lisette; daughter, Tonya (Jerry) Allen; grandchildren, Ryan and Madison Allen; sister, Cheryl (Greg) Hyatt; nieces, Maureen Massafra and Nicole Hyatt; and nephews, Daniel and Andrew Hyatt. A memorial Mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Nov. 21 at Our Lady of the Valley Church (St. Dominic site) in Donora. A public memorial service will be Nov. 7 in Los Angeles. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the family. For memorial and contribution information, contact: hyattfamily@comcast.net.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

In Memory Of
Leona Hudak

In loving memory of Leona Hudak, who passed away October 28, 2006. To those who never knew you, the world may seem the same; but to us who loved you, life's but a bitter name. For empty days and dragging hours endured with aching heart, until the trumpet blows, and we meet nevermore to part.

Sadly missed and dearly loved by her Husband, Children, Grandchildren and New Great Grandson

In Memory of Richard A. Stobaugh (Snoball)
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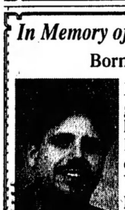

It has been 5 years since he has graced us with his smile, his humor, his love. So on his 39th Birthday, let's remember Ricky, our Daddy, our Friend, Snoball, with a smile. We miss you, but your memory will live on in our hearts.

From Nina, Paul and Lexi

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Alta Vista road agreement tabled

The board wants to find out more about funding for the project.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
Staff Writer
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FALLOWFIELD – Township supervisors tabled an agreement aimed at building an access road through a new section of the Alta Vista business park.

The supervisors, who took the action during their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, said they want more information on the plan.

The Middle Monongahela Industrial Association is working to develop a second phase of the park. Phase II includes installation of roads and utilities further into the park. It includes 121 acres, of which about 90 acres should be available in 2010.

The first section of the mixed-use business park opened in fall 2002.

The supervisors tabled the request until they get an opportunity to learn more details about the funding for the project.

The supervisors had been asked to approve a three-party agreement involving MIDA, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the township. Under such a project, a 20-percent local match is usually required. Under the Alta Vista agreement, PennDOT is expected to give credit to MIDA for money the organization spent prior to federal approval for the project.

In other news, the supervisors also tabled a request from the Pigeon Creek Sanitary Authority to endorse that agency's application for Washington County Share Account to fund repairs to the authority's main sewage line.

Supervisor Donn Henderson said if the supervisors endorsed the authority's program, it could jeopardize the township's efforts to apply for funding from the share account. Funded by gaming revenues, the local share account supports community and economic development.

POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Police are continuing the investigation into a burglary that occurred 1:31 a.m. Oct. 19 at CoGo's, 3348 Pittsburgh Road, Perryopolis. At that time, someone gained entry into the business, took various items and then fled.

■ Randy Russell, 49, of Bentleyville, was cited for disorderly conduct 11:25 p.m. Friday as a result of an incident that took place at 321 Beallsville Road, Bentleyville, police said.

■ A Monongahela woman was injured in a two-vehicle accident that took place Oct. 19 on Route 88 in Union Township. Police said a vehicle operated by Judith Critchfield, 48, of Monongahela, was struck in the rear by a vehicle operated by Bret Agostoni, 35, of Bethel Park. Critchfield was transported to Mon Valley Hospital after complaining of leg and hand pain.

■ William Stewart, of Grindstone, reported that sometime from Oct. 18 to Oct. 21 someone removed a Garmin GPS unit from his vehicle while it was parked along Laurel Dale Road in Jefferson Township.

■ Robert J. Greenwald, 57, of Fayette City, reported during the hours of 5 p.m. Oct. 19 and 9 a.m. Oct. 20 someone slashed the tires of his 1997 Nissan pickup truck while it was parked in the parking lot of the Perry-O-Motel in Perryopolis.

Bus routes (FROM PAGE ONE)

1743 expired July 1 and the two sides have been unable to work out a new agreement.

"The Mid-Mon Valley Transit Authority contracts bus operation and vehicle maintenance to First Transit, who employs the drivers and mechanics. First Transit and ATU Local 1743 are in the process of negotiating a contract," Kissell said. "We are confident that the employees of First Transit are aware of the value of providing transportation to the communities of the Mon Valley and we encourage the management and the union to come to a contract agreement."

Don Cuthbert, shop steward for Local 1743, said that negotiations with First Transit and the 35-member local "are not going very well at all."

The expired contract was signed between the MMVTA's previous carrier, 88 Transit, and the union. First Transit was awarded the bus carrier contract earlier this year.

Cuthbert claimed that since the contract that was signed between 88 Transit and the union expired, First Transit has not been honoring the terms of the old agreement.

For example, he said, First Transit has offered a different benefits package that is a step down from what the union had before and also is expecting drivers to pay a percentage of the costs of that package.

"Before, we had UPMC medical coverage with 100 percent company-paid costs," Cuthbert said. "Now they are offering us Aetna insurance and want us to pay 20 percent.

"Quite frankly, the new insurance stinks."

Cuthbert also said the expired contract had a guaranteed 40-hour work week in it and said that some drivers are only getting 38 or 38 1/2 hours of work per week.

Cuthbert noted that the union will be attending tonight's MMVTA meeting at Charleroi in hopes of getting the authority involved in the stalemate.

"We just want to get some answers," Cuthbert said. "We went there the last time negotiations were going nowhere. The authority could make First Transit abide by the old contract until a new contract is signed."

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Steak Night set at Elks

Monongahela 455 Elks, corner of Union and Jackson streets, will host a Steak Night Dinner 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Chicken dinners are also available. Reservations are suggested. Takeouts will be available. Call (724) 258-3370 or visit the Web site at www.monongahela-elks-lodge.org.

NEWS

TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 29, the 302nd day of 2009. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 29, 1929 — known as "Black Tuesday" — Wall Street crashed, heralding the beginning of the Great Depression.

On this date:

■ In 1618, Sir Walter Raleigh, the English courtier, military adventurer and poet, was executed in London.

■ In 1901, President William McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

■ In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

■ In 1940, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number — 158 — in the lottery for America's first peacetime military draft.

■ In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel invaded Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. "The Huntley-Brinkley Report" premiered as NBC's nightly TV newscast.

■ In 1966, the National Organization for Women was formally organized during a conference in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1967, Expo 67 in Montreal closed after six months.

■ In 1979, on the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters tried but failed to shut down the New York Stock Exchange.

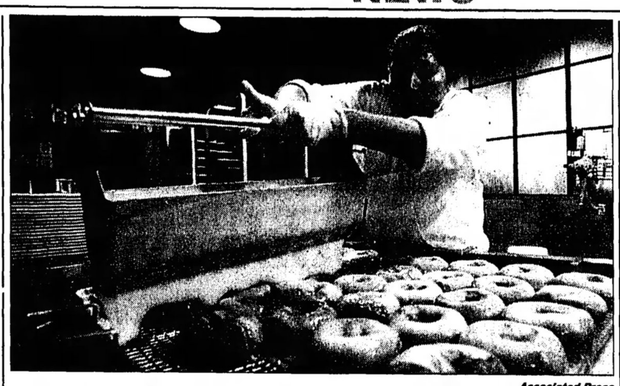
■ In 1994, gunman Francisco Martin Duran fired more than two dozen shots from a semi-automatic rifle at the White House. (Duran was later convicted of trying to assassinate President Bill Clinton and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.)

■ In 1998, Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier.

■ **Ten years ago**: A panel of European Union scientists ruled that British beef was safe for export, rejecting French scientific arguments to continue a ban because of fears of mad cow disease. Some 3,000 people attended a memorial service in Orlando, Fla., for golfer Payne Stewart, who was killed along with five other people in the crash of their Learjet.

■ **Five years ago**: Osama bin Laden, in a videotaped statement, directly admitted for the first time that he'd ordered the Sept. 11th attacks and told America "the best way to avoid another Manhattan" was to stop threatening Muslims' security. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was flown to Paris for medical treatment. European Union leaders signed the EU's first constitution. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist was sent home after a week in the hospital for treatment of thyroid cancer. Comedian Vaughn Meader, 68, who'd gained fame satirizing President John F. Kennedy, died in Auburn, Maine.

■ **One year ago**: A 6.4-magnitude earthquake in southwestern Pakistan killed at least 215 people. Nearly 50 hours after Game 5 started but was stopped by rain, the Philadelphia Phillies finished off the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in a three-inning sprint to win the World Series for the first time since 1980.



Associated Press

Norma Rodriguez pours glaze over doughnuts Wednesday at Top Pot Doughnuts in Seattle. The locally owned business, opened in 2002, boasts "hand-forged" gourmet doughnuts, bars and fritters. The economy grew in the third quarter, fueled by government-supported spending on cars and homes.

Economy grows in 3Q, signals end of recession

The economy grew at a 3.5 percent pace in the third quarter, the best showing in two years.

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The economy grew at a 3.5 percent pace in the third quarter, the best showing in two years, fueled by government-supported spending on cars and homes.

The Commerce Department's report Thursday delivered the strongest signal yet that the economy entered a new, though fragile, phase of recovery and that the worst recession since the 1930s has ended.

Many analysts expect the pace of the budding recovery to be plodding due to rising unemployment and continuing difficulties by both consumers and businesses to secure loans.

"We're beginning to crawl out a very deep hole," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "It will take time to get back to normal again and there are questions about how consumers will hold up in the months ahead. But I think the recovery will be sustained."

The much-awaited turnaround ended the streak of four straight quarters of contracting economic activity, the first time that's happened on records dating to 1947.

It also marked the first increase since the spring of 2008, when the economy experienced a short-lived uptick in growth.

The third-quarter's performance — the strongest since right before the country fell into recession in December 2007 — was slightly better than the 3.3 percent growth rate economists expected.

Armed with cash from government support programs, consumers led the rebound in the third quarter, snapping up cars and homes.

Consumer spending on big-ticket manufactured goods soared at an annualized rate of 22.3 percent in the third quarter, the most since the end of 2001. The jump largely reflected car purchases spurred by the government's Cash for Clunkers program that offered a rebate of up to $4,500 to buy new cars and trade in old gas guzzlers.

The housing market also turned a corner in the summer. Spending on housing projects jumped at an annualized pace of 23.4 percent, the largest jump since 1986. It was the first time since the end of 2005 that spending on housing was positive.

The government's $8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers supported the housing rebound. Congress is considering extending the credit, which expires on Nov. 30.

The collapse of the housing market led the country into the recession. Rotten mortgage securities spiraled into a banking crisis. Home foreclosures surged. The sector's return to good health is a crucial ingredient to a sustained economic recovery.

A top concern is whether the recovery can continue after government supports are gone.

Many economists predict economic activity won't grow as much in the months ahead as the bracing impact of President Barack Obama's $787 billion package of increased government spending and tax cuts fades.

Obama considers scaled-down plan

The president has not settled on any new troop numbers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is considering a scaled-down version of the war plan advanced by his top Afghanistan commander, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, U.S. officials say.

Such a narrowed military mission would increase American forces to accomplish the commander's broadest goals of protecting Afghan cities and key infrastructure. But with fewer troops, the strategy likely would cut back on McChrystal's ambitious objectives, amounting to what one official described as "McChrystal Light."

Senior White House officials Wednesday emphasized, however, that the president has not settled on any new troop numbers and continues to debate other strategic approaches to the 8-year-old Afghanistan war. The officials say Obama has not yet settled on the narrowed option or any other as his final choice for how to overhaul the war effort.

Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because Obama has not announced his decision, said the troop numbers probably would be lower than McChrystal's preference, at least at the outset. The officials did not divulge exact numbers.

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Charles Christner, West Newton

The following cases were heard Monday at Magisterial District Judge Charles Christner's office in West Newton:

■ Charges of simple assault and harassment against Adam Christopher Kash, 23, of 17 Mulberry St., Belle Vernon, were dismissed because the victim did not testify. Kash was charged after an incident May 17 at 117 Lee Drive in Rostraver Township.

■ Benjamin John Bittner, 28, of 14 Marlborough, Port Royal Village, Rostraver Township, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Bittner was charged with burglary, theft, receiving stolen property, possessing instruments of crime, criminal mischief and loitering and prowling at nighttime after an incident Oct. 20 at 55 Tudor Drive in Port Royal Village.

■ Tony Lee Davis, 30, of 23 Murtland Ave., Washington, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Davis was charged with terroristic threats and harassment after an incident July 27 at 709 Indian Hill Road and the Arnold City exit of Interstate 70.

■ Phillip G. Blair, 29, of 216 Collinsburg Road, West Newton, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Blair was charged with burglary, terroristic threats, possessing instruments of crime, recklessly endangering another person, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and harassment after an incident Sept. 15 at 141 N. Second St. and the 100 block of Robertson Street in West Newton.

■ Cory C. Jordan, 31, of 632 Henry St., Belle Vernon, and Lester Frank Waggoner, 60, of 14 Myers St., Monessen, each waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Jordan and Waggoner were each charged with simple assault and harassment after an incident Aug. 9 at 1043 Broad Ave. in Rostraver Township.

■ Jessica Cooper, 23, of 27 Spruce Alley, Monongahela, waived the right to a preliminary hearing. Cooper was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations after an incident June 28 at Fells Church Road and Rankins Crossroads in Rostraver Township.

■ A bad checks charge against Eddie Green, no age listed, of Quality Home Improvements, 515 Blind Lane, Belle Vernon was withdrawn after Green paid restitution. He was charged in connection with a check written May 26.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

Two players hit 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Two players matched all five winning numbers drawn in Wednesday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will each receive $188,680.

Lottery officials said 202 players matched four numbers and won $149 each; 4,925 players matched three numbers and won $10 each; and 55,316 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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NIGHT PICK 3:	6-6-2
DAY PICK BIG 4:	2-0-5-4
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-2-0-5
DAY QUINTO:	4-9-4-7-1
NIGHT QUINTO:	7-3-3-5-6
TREASURE HUNT:	8-10-21-22-23
CASH 5:	1-21-23-24-25
POWERBALL:	3-11-26-46-51
POWERBALL:	23 POWERPLAY: 5

OHIO LOTTERY — DAILY NUMBERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	9-2-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-7-2
DAY PICK 4:	0-9-0-2
NIGHT PICK 4:	2-6-8-4
ROLLING CASH 5:	10-13-15-22-25
CLASSIC LOTTO:	13-15-20-23-29-30

WEST VIRGINIA LOTTERY — DAILY NUMBERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

DAILY 3:	1-5-7
DAILY 4:	8-0-6-8
HOT LOTTO:	2-15-28-34-37 HB 3

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OUR OPINION

UPMC abandons Braddock

THE ARGUMENT for closing the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's hospital in Braddock supposedly is that the community of Braddock, in decline for so long, simply could no longer support the medical facility that UPMC "rescued" in 1996.

Of course, the real argument should be this: How can a cash- and asset-rich behemoth such as UPMC — spending millions of dollars for not only self-promotion but to further pad its bottom line by expanding its market share internationally — abandon Braddock?

Indeed, we've heard of all the dismal financial data that prompted UPMC to cut and run. But given the nonprofit's overall finances — robust — and given the state of Braddock — dire — UPMC easily could have continued to be part of the solution to reviving the Mon Valley town.

Instead, it will slink away and be remembered by historians as part of the problem philosophy that surely played a major role in wiping Braddock off the map once and for all.

The irony is that UPMC, which benefits mightily from its nonprofit tax status, no longer thinks charity begins at home. A tiny fraction of its profits — oh, excuse us, its excess revenues — could be tapped to keep UPMC Braddock operational and to give Braddock some hope for attracting ancillary investment.

What part of its seed corn will UPMC next eat then spit out?

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y., on Social Security:

The prospect of the federal government punishing Grandma and Grandpa is repugnant — so politically unpalatable, in fact, that President Barack Obama is urging Congress to send every Social Security recipient $250 to make up for this year's lack of a cost-of-living adjustment in their retirement checks.

But the perception that no COLA is punishing or depriving seniors is inaccurate. When the measurable cost of living actually goes down, how do you justify a COLA boost?

The recession still imposes brutal costs on workers and their families. Taxpayers have taken on well over $1 trillion in debt to bail out financial institutions and stimulate the economy. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan still cost the Treasury billions each month. If the federal government can't justify a modest cost-of-living boost for Social Security recipients, neither can it afford the estimated $13 billion price tag for a one-time payment. ...

Social Security COLAs have come to seem automatic since 1975. Last year the boost was a hefty 5.8 percent, driven by increases in energy costs. Since 2005, there have been 15.9 percent worth of COLA hikes. And don't forget: This year's economic stimulus package included $250 checks for each Social Security recipient.

The Consumer Price Index that measures inflation actually decreased this year, along with gas and energy prices. Without inflation, there is no rationale for a COLA. And if a COLA is not warranted, neither is a one-time payment.

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In a time of choosing, choose wisely

Kathryn **LOPEZ**

I do not live in New York's 23rd Congressional District, and I've never hiked the Adirondacks, which run through it. I've never met Doug Hoffman, who is running for Congress there, and hadn't heard his name until fairly recently. But he's my guy this November. Along with a few other elections I'm following closely this coming Election Day, I will be rooting for a Hoffman victory. I'm not a constituent; my support is about integrity.

Doug Hoffman is the Conservative Party candidate running for the seat vacated by John McHugh, a Republican who left to become secretary of the Army in the Obama administration. Hoffman, a CPA and newbie to electoral politics, worries about runaway spending and the bailout culture in Washington, both of which Republicans have been a willing party to. His message: "Washington is stifling businesses and individuals with taxes. It is the 'tea party' people and the 9/12 people that are standing up and saying, 'we're fed up and it's time to do something about this.' We need to take this country back from career politicians."

Hoffman is challenging Dede Scozzafava, the Republican in the race. She is an advocate for legal abortion. She is a supporter of redefining marriage to include homosexuals. She approved of the president's stimulus plan.

Her boosters, as well as her causes, are suspect. She is supported by the way-left Daily Kos founder Markos Moulitsas. She is supported by Big Labor and Big Education, as some of us are prone to call the lefty union politicos.

Anyone used to siding with Republicans is supposed to be encouraged by her spokesman's assurance that she will "vote for (Republican Congressman) John Boehner to be speaker of the House of Representatives" in 2010. That's a whole year in office with no reason for a conservative to have voted for her.

Apparently the GOP thinks that, since the right may be numb after too much disappointment from the Republican Party on the stump and in office, we have gone dumb, too. Think again — and this is a message for the likes of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, which endorsed the moderate, ineffectual Florida Gov. Charlie Crist for U.S. Senate next year instead of letting the primary play out and giving an actual, exciting conservative candidate, Marco Rubio, a chance. Honestly, with the GOP putting forth candidates like Scozzafava, don't count on a speaker with a 'R' after his name anytime in the near future.

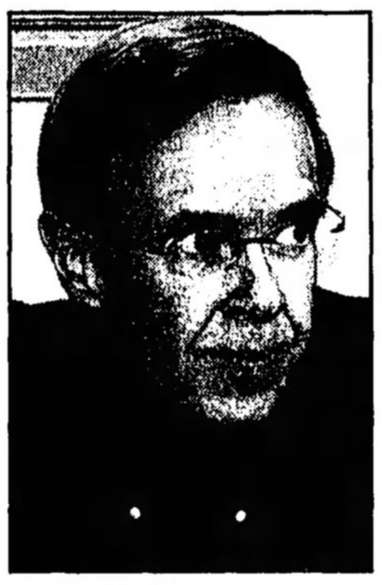
That the push for Hoffman on talk radio and conservative publications centers on integrity eludes some, because Newt Gingrich and other prominent GOP voices have made a different call. The former Republican speaker of the House supports Scozzafava, arguing, "If you seek to be a perfect minority, you'll remain a minority."

But this is very far from perfection — politics always is. What is currently going on with the right is something older than the tea-party movement, older than Dick Armey's political career. It's what Ronald Reagan was talking about in his famous "Time for Choosing" speech, supporting Barry Goldwater for president. Back in 1964, Reagan declared: "This is the issue of this election: Whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American Revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far-distant capital can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves."

"But, Kathryn, Barry Goldwater lost!" you may be yelling at your paper or screen. (Though I suspect you're not shouting: "You want to lose a vote for Boehner, you fool!?") Is Newt right? Is a vote for Hoffman a throwaway vote?

Not necessarily. As I write, public polls show Scozzafava "fading." Democrat Bill Owens is in the lead, but not by much. Internal campaign polls show odds even better for Hoffman. Hoffman could lose. But there's also a substantial chance that he could win. And what a game-changer that would be!

And if conservatism doesn't move you, how about another c-word: Competence. A conservative reporter asked Scozzafava some questions at a campaign event recently. And Scozzafava's staff called the cops! As my colleague Mark Steyn put it recently: "At this stage in the nation's affairs, Washington doesn't need another incoherent buffoon insulated by a phalanx of thin-skinned twerps already guarding her like a 30-year incumbent for whom routine questions are an outrageous form of lese-majeste. By any reasonable measure, this candidate is unworthy of a seat in the national legislature."



Doug Hoffman

Now that's an ideology-free matter we can all believe in.

A lot of these tea-party gatherings, a lot of the sudden popularity of the likes of Glenn Beck — who is more of a frustrated populist than an articulator of conservative principles — has to do with incompetence fatigue. Hoffman has earned the right to prove that he is capable of righting a sinking ship. And I wish him well. And you should consider looking beyond the D and R's, too. Because after you pull that lever, whatever the race is, you're stuck for a bit. And then the nation gets stuck. All politics, ultimately, are all local for someone.

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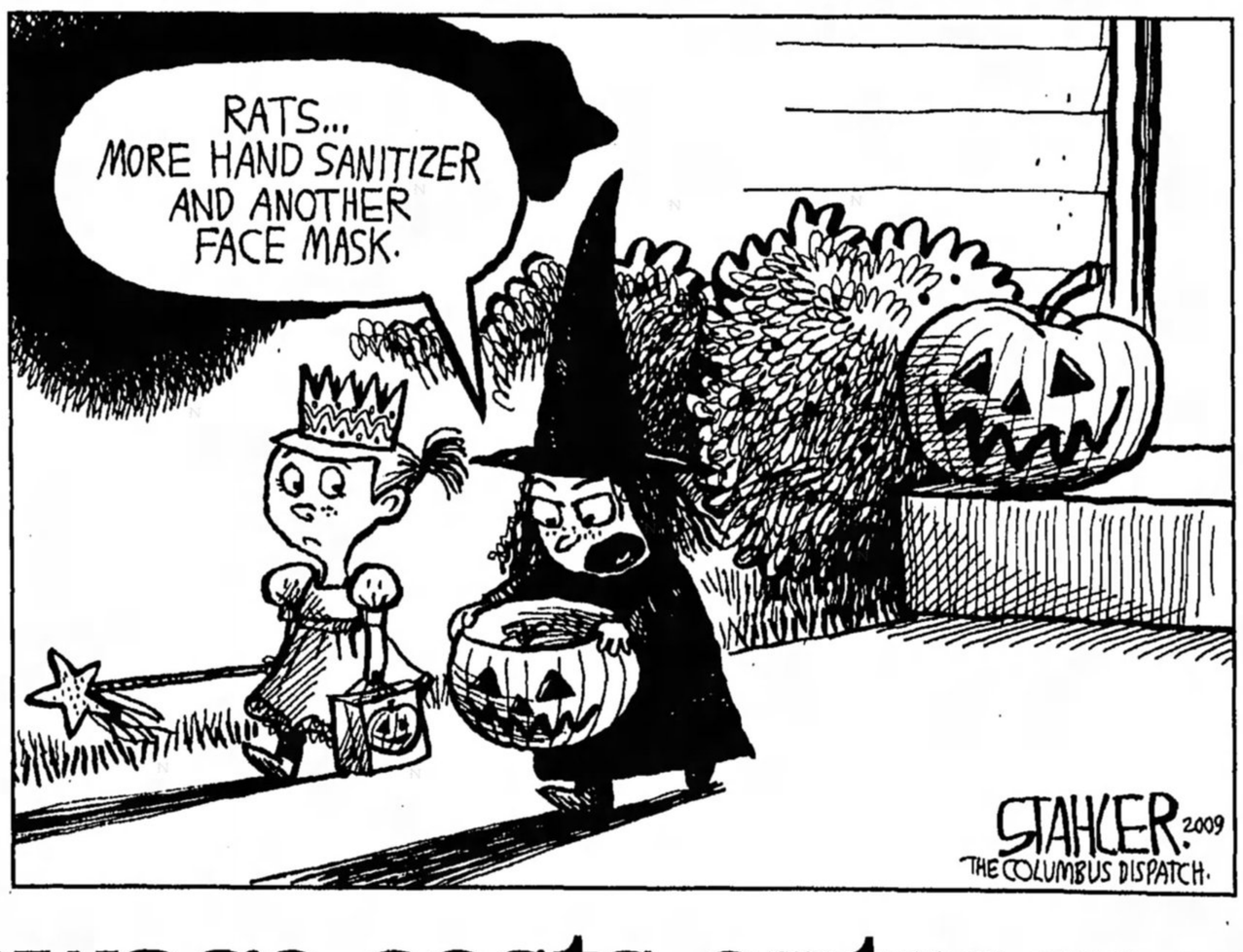

Sewage costs outrageous

YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

You gotta love 'em! Only five or 10 people called about their sewage bills. They just got them!

If I had not called my neighbors, they probably would not have even opened them yet.

"Everybody also just accepted it" — you have to be kidding! After we get the real story out, you are going to get a few more than 10 unhappy residents.

I love the "We had two public meetings." Are our leaders on the same planet? The working folks are busting their butts to pay the bills, ridiculously high taxes in this township and the golden parachutes we provide to way too many civil service employees.

This is not 1955 with mom staying at home. Mom, dad and everyone is scrambling. In the good old days, we would have been at those meetings, but that's why we elected representatives — to "represent." If you want to know what your constituents want, ask them.

I can't even begin to tell you how many people's jaws dropped when we decided to pump our "poop" uphill instead of downhill to the Belle Vernon plant.

Evidently, we spent $33 million for the "poop" uphill project. I am going to ask some former commissioners what the downhill option would have cost.

Mr. Manown indicates that $60 per month for Clair Manor goes for payback of loans for the sewer project. I want to remind him and others we already had an operational system. The only thing the township did was close our treatment plant and connect the outflow to the new system.

So we should pay a $60 base fee when Fells and other areas pay $35. The township didn't connect one house or apartment in Clair Manor. Whatever fees to tap were paid years ago.

Then there is the obtuse attitude of the authority itself. Look at the bill. Last month $60; this month $169. No explanations. No reference.

We are the boss. If you don't pay by Nov. 9, it's $189. You gotta love 'em, but soon we're gonna change 'em.

Jim Blair
Rostraver Township

NEWS

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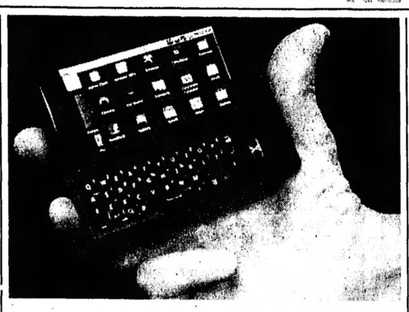
muscular dystrophy victims will be held tomorrow at the home of Mary Ann Delesandro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Delesandro of 564 Thompson Ave., Donora. Alphonse Delesandro will serve as ringmaster and will be assisted by Bob Delesandro, Linda Kearns, Barbara Kuzemka and Pam and Paula Daittillio The event was being held in conjunction with Jerry Lewis annual telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the work of Paul Shannon of WTAE-TV on his Adventure Time show.

■ The Donora Youth Athletic Association won the Monongahela Pony League baseball championship by defeating Thoroseal, 12-5, and finishing with a 4-0 playoff record.

Overall, Donora had a 21-6 season record. Jimmy Brice went the distance on the mound for Donora, limiting Thoroseal to just five hits in picking up his second victory of the tournament. Anthony Lazzari led the offensive attack with a perfect four-for-four night at the plate. Bernie Payne had three hits, including a triple, while Steve Fincik and Scott Nedrow had two hits apiece.

Floyd M. France, whose career with *The Daily Republican* began in 1925, was managing editor in 1969.

Other officials of the Monongahela Publishing Co. were William H. Robinson, president; Charles E. Ross, vice president; Robert R. Robinson, secretary; Mrs. John T. Robinson, treasurer, and Kenneth B. Walters, business manager.



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The Droid smart phone by Motorola is the "world's first smartphone with Android 2.0."

Verizon offers glimpse of Droid smart phone

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Verizon Wireless, Motorola and Google on Wednesday introduced their first smartphone collaboration, the device the trio hopes will dull the luster of Apple's iPhone.

Droid with Google by Motorola is the first smartphone to use Google's Android 2.0 operating system. Fans say the technology makes the device fast and easy to use. There's also a camera application with an automatic focus and a built-in flash that uses two light-emitting diodes.

Guests at a kickoff event yesterday at PNC Park on the North Shore got to try out the phone. Similar events took place in Chicago and New York City.

"Verizon Wireless has put a tremendous amount of energy and money into the Droid," said Avi Greengart, research director for mobile devices at Current Analysis in Washington. "It's their halo product in time for the holidays.

"It's not an iPhone killer, but it will help Verizon Wireless stem defections from its network."

Droid will be available beginning Nov. 6 at Verizon Wireless stores and online for $199 with a new two-year customer agreement. There's a $100 mail-in rebate, and the Droid requires a monthly phone and data plan. Voice package prices vary, but an unlimited data plan runs $29.99 a month.

"Droid features both a virtual and a slider keyboard, a screen with twice the resolution of the next smartphone and 16 gigabytes of memory that is removable," said Robb Moretti, Verizon's data sales regional director.

Verizon has been running TV ads critical of the iPhone, which runs on the rival AT&T network.

"This is the biggest threat that Apple has seen," said Clinton Stark, co-founder of the San Francisco Bay Area-based lifestyle Web site StarkSilverCreek.com.

Two Fayette prison guards suspended, will lose pay

They're punished for pushing an inmate into a dumbwaiter.

By LIZ ZEMBA
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Two Fayette County prison guards accused of pushing an inmate into a dumbwaiter will be suspended for 30 days without pay.

The Prison Board yesterday imposed the suspensions on Bruce McCombie and Joseph George Yeagley, both of Uniontown, after a one-hour, closed-door executive session.

The board did not take any action involving two other prison guards, Barry Simon of Uniontown and Geary-O'Neil of Belle Vernon, who remain suspended with pay in connection with an inmate's suicide.

The suspensions of McCombie and Yeagley came for three alleged violations of prison rules of conduct and discipline, said county Commissioner Vince Zapotosky.

The two guards are accused of pushing an inmate into a dumbwaiter and damaging the inmate's commissary order.

According to an investigative report prepared by the county human resources department, the guards initially denied involvement in the incident, then admitted to it, then recanted.

In addition, the guards failed "to report the misconduct of another corrections officer" in the incident, Zapotosky said. The violations allegedly occurred in August and September.

The board took no action on two other alleged violations involving McCombie and Yeagley because they involve an ongoing criminal investigation, Zapotosky said. Yeagley, 34, is charged by state police with simple assault, harassment and official oppression. Police allege he punched inmate Timothy Michael Reckner and referred to him as a "snitch" in front of other inmates.

No criminal charges have been filed against McCombie, 32, but police said in an affidavit he witnessed the attack. McCombie reportedly told troopers he had slapped Reckner in the past, as well, but he said he "has known (Reckner) since high school and they 'joke' around," a criminal complaint said.

Board members yesterday were given copies of an internal county investigation into the Sept. 12 suicide of an inmate, but they took no immediate action. Angela Zimmerlink, a county commissioner who is a member of the prison board, said members need time to review the report.

Human Resources Director Dominick Carnicella said he advised the board not to release the report because it contains investigative materials.

Cade William Stevens, 25, of 257 Lucky Lane, Dawson, was found at 10:06 a.m. hanging by bedsheets from cell bars at the prison. Stevens died about an hour after he was discovered hanging in his cell.

Damon's in Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Five days after putting the Max & Erma's Inc. restaurant chain under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, Gary Reinert Sr. took the same step Wednesday with his Damon's International Inc. chain.

A filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pittsburgh said Damon's owes between $1 million and $10 million to between 199 and 1,000 creditors. The chain's assets are worth between $1 million and $10 million, the filing by Reinert's firm, G&R Acquisitions, shows.

Damon's, founded in 1979, has 50 locations in 15 states and the United Kingdom.

Locally restaurants are at The Waterfront in Homestead and in Monroeville and Collier.

The Chapter 11 filing is a move to reorganize debts while the business continues to operate.

The restaurant chain's largest unsecured creditor is listed as Southeast Capital, of Charlotte, N.C., which is owed $800,000.

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TV LISTINGS

Special-needs children require special parents

DEAR ABBY: On Aug. 10 you printed a letter from an aunt who was upset because her sister, the mother of a child with autism, doesn't have time to join in fundraising with her and the rest of the family.

While I commend the writer and her family for raising money for autism research, that woman needs to cut her sister some slack.

Very few parents (thank goodness for them, though) have the emotional energy, not to mention time, to advocate for their child's special needs.

I commend you for giving the writer of that letter the answer you did. I would challenge anyone who thinks he or she could "handle it" to walk a mile in our shoes. Our entire lives center around our children and their doctors' appointments, therapy, special schooling, adaptive equipment, etc. The last thing we need to hear is some self-righteous know-it-all putting us down for something we were hand-picked by God to do. — **SPECIAL-NEEDS MOM IN ALABAMA**

DEAR MOM: I heard from the parents of many special-needs children who echoed your sentiments. And you're right — it does take a very special parent not to crack under the stress. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two boys with special needs who are around his age, and I can assure you, that woman is already "very involved" in a way her sister cannot even begin to imagine. It is a labor of love that requires intense attention to their every action and potential need.

Perhaps "Raising Money" should spend an entire day being the primary caregiver for her nephew while trying to complete household responsibilities or work. I cannot tell you the number of times I have cried in my car out of sheer fatigue (I now carry tissue in the glove box).

The most charitable thing this aunt could do is to show up on her sister's doorstep with dinner, an offer to do the laundry, and a long, comforting hug. — **CINDY IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: No one fully understands what a parent with a child with a disability goes through from day one. First there is the emotional aspect. We grieve. It's not the kind of grieving you do after a death. This is grieving that never ends. It cycles over and over. If you're not crying, you're angry. Some days you can accept and breathe; other days you just can't. Anything can set you back, and suddenly you're sobbing again.

Not only is there the day-to-day caring for the child — feeding, dressing, hygiene, to name a few — but also phone calls, meetings, doctor visits, therapies. When the kids are little, many of these things aren't too bad. But as they get older, larger, stronger, it breaks the caregiver's body and spirit.

There is also the problem of not being able to get needed services. In many states, once children are out of the school system and on the waiting list for adult services, they sit and languish at home with NO services until they qualify for accommodations. In some states that can be many years. And there's no portability of services between states, so if you must relocate, you go to the bottom of that state's waiting list.

Living with that, we often can't get or hold jobs. Day care is a huge problem for us and our kids. If that woman really wants to help, she should offer respite care and get involved with the waiting list issue, which is as important as research. — **SONJA IN COLORADO**

DEAR SONJA: In this time of draconian cutbacks everywhere, I hope our politicians will direct their thinking away from divisive politics and being re-elected to what must be done to help our most vulnerable citizens.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

THURSDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 29, 2009

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A&E	CSI: Miami "Prey"		Criminal Minds		The First 48 "Hard Fall"		The First 48		The First 48		Crime 360 "Bad Company"		(12:01) The First 48			(:01) The First 48		(:01) The First 48
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	★★ "Scooby-Doo" (2002) Freddie Prinze Jr.				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid Prog	Net Millions	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	(:15) "Return to House on Haunted Hill" (2007)				★ "End of Days" (1999) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne.					(:45) ★	"Thirteen Ghosts" (2001) Tony Shalhoub.			(:45) ★ "House on Haunted Hill" (1999) Geoffrey Rush.				Return
ANPL	Night	Night	Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes	Weird, True	Weird, True	Werewolves: The Dark Survivors				Weird, True	Weird, True	Werewolves: The Dark Survivors					Lost Tapes	Lost Tapes
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		476-Lb. Teenager		Lion: Spy in the Den		BBC World News America		476-Lb. Teenager		Lion: Spy in the Den		476-Lb. Teenager			Lion: Spy in the Den	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (Live)				Monica: Still	Tiny & Toya	BET Hip-Hop Awards 2009				The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		★ "Half Baked" (1998, Comedy) Dave Chappelle.				
BRAVO	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Watch What	Real Housewives-Atlanta		Million Dollar Listing		Salon
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Akana Family"				Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee		Smarter	Smarter	The Singing Bee		The Singing Bee	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Biography on CNBC		Harvard Business		How I Made My Millions		Mad Money		Harvard Business		How I Made My Millions		Foreclosure	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Jeff Dunham	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	Jeff Dunham	South Park	Tosh.0 (N)	Jeff Dunham	Daily Show	Colbert	Tosh.0	Jeff Dunham	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capitol News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Storm Chasers Greatest Storms				Storm Chasers		Storm Chasers Greatest Storms				Storm Chasers		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	★★ "Casper Meets Wendy" (1998)		Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana		Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Celebrity Plastic Surgery		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	When a Child Vanishes		Mystery	When Husbands Murder	Mystery		Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Curse of the Poltergeist: The E! True Hollywood Story			Chelsea	
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)			College Football	North Carolina at Virginia Tech. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)					SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)
ESPNC	College Football		Who's Number 1?		Boxing		Boxing		30 for 30 (N)		AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing	Boxing		Boxing: Diaz vs. Guerrero
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	Football Live	NFL Live	Boxing		30 for 30		MLS Soccer: Western Conference Semifinal -- Dynamo at Sounders					Baseball	SportsNation			2009 World Series of Poker
EWTN	God's Plan	Human	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Eucharist	Holy Rosary	Catholicism	Theology	Light	Dana	Daily Mass: Our Lady		Life on the Rock		Eucharist	Footprints
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge Chocolate art.		Iron Chef America		Extr. Cuisine		Ace of Cakes (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Extr. Cuisine		Ace of Cakes		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Motorsports	H.S. Edition	High School Football Montour at West Allegheny. (Live)					H.S. Edition	Steelers	Final Score	Golden Age	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	In My Words	Motorsports
FX	(5:30) ★★ "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith.				★★★ "The Rundown" (2003, Adventure) The Rock.				Sunny	The League	Sunny	The League	(12:13) ★★★ "The Rundown" (2003) The Rock.				Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	PGA Tour Golf: Champions		Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf	Viking Classic -- First Round.				PGA Tour Golf: Champions -- Charles Schwab Cup Championship				Golf Central	Top 10	European PGA Tour Golf: Barclays Singapore Open			
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		"Bailey's Mistake" (2001) Linda Hamilton.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Carter Can	House	House	First Place	First Place	House	House	House	Intervention	Property	First Place	House	House	House	Intervention	Property	First Place
HIST	Bloodlines: Dracula Family		Modern Marvels		UFO Hunters		UFO Hunters "Area 52" (N)		UFO Hunters (N)		UFO Hunters (N)		(12:01) UFO Hunters		(:01) UFO Hunters		(:01) UFO Hunters	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Models	Project Runway		Models	Project Runway		Models	Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Parental	World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		World's Strictest Parents		Super Sweet	Super Sweet	"My Super Psycho Sweet Sixteen" (2009) Julianna Guill.			
NICK	iCarly	The Troop	iCarly	SpongeBob	Malcolm	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Lopez	Lopez	Roseanne	Roseanne
OXY	Snapped "Nikki Reynolds"		Snapped "Jennifer Hyatte"		Snapped "Rhonda Orr"		Snapped "Renee Poole"		Snapped "Erin McLean"		Snapped "Nikki Reynolds"		The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Snapped	Snapped
PCN	PCN Tours	PCN Tours	PCN Call-In (Live)		Journalists Roundtable		Elec 2009	Elec 2009	Election 2009		PA Press	(:45) PA Press Club		(:20) PCN Late Night - pcntv.com			Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Medicine	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		TNA Wrestling (N)				Deadliest Warrior		MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	MANswers	Scream 2009	
SYFY	(5:00) "The Bone Eater"		★★ "The Skeleton Key" (2005) Kate Hudson.				★★ "Final Destination 2" (2003) Ali Larter, A.J. Cook.				★★ "Cursed" (2005) Christina Ricci, Joshua Jackson.				★★ "Leprechaun" (1992, Horror) Warwick Davis.			
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet.					(:45) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Sex and-Clty	(:15) ★★ "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz.			
TCM	★★★ "Sinbad the Sailor" (1947) (DVS)				★★ "Faithless" (1932, Drama)				★★ "American Madness" (1932, Drama)		★★ "Prosperity" (1932) Marie Dressler.			★★ "The Crash" (1932)		★★ "Looking Forward" (1933, Drama)		
TLC	Dress	Dress	Heavy Haulers		American Chopper		American Chopper (N)		Street Customs		American Chopper		Street Customs		American Chopper		Heavy Haulers	
TNT	Law & Order		Bones		NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Chicago Bulls. (Live)					NBA Basketball	Denver Nuggets at Portland Trail Blazers. (Live)				Inside the NBA		Cold Case	
TOON	"Billy & Mandy"		Halloween Spooktakular		Chowder (N)	Flapjack	Total Drama	Goosebumps	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Stroker-Hoop	Awesome	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Americas Scariest Hall		Most Terrifying Places		America Haunts 4 (N)		Most Terrifying Places 2		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		America Haunts 4		Most Terrifying Places 2		Ghost Adventures	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest... (N)		It Only Hurts	It Only Hurts	Rehab: Party at Hard Rock		World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		It Only Hurts	It Only Hurts
TVLAND	All In Family	All In Family	Sanford	Sanford	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Light Sleeper"		NCIS "Yankee White"		House "The Softer Side"		House		House "Here Kitty"		Law Order: CI		White Collar "White Collar Pilot"			Burn Notice		Mercenary
VH1	Master P	Tool Academy		Real Chance of Love			Behind the Music		Behind the Music		(:05) ★★ "The Jacksons: An American Dream" (1992, Drama) Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs, Angela Bassett.							
VS.	Sports Take	Sports	UFL Football California Redwoods at New York Sentinels. (Live)							Sports Soup	Quest	World Extreme Cagefighting				Sports Soup	Sports	Sports
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg.						★★★ "Ghost" (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore, Whoopi Goldberg.						Ghost Whisperer	
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		WWE Superstars		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	WWE Superstars		Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	Perfect Hol.	"Revenge of the Nerds II"			★★ "Six Days, Seven Nights" (1998)		(:45) ★★ "Absolute Power" (1997, Suspense) Clint Eastwood.						(11:50) ★★ "The Outsiders" (1983)			★★★ "Dressed to Kill" (1980)		
HBO	Kit Kittredge	★★★ "X-Men" (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman.				★★★ "Slumdog Millionaire" (2008) Dev Patel.			24/7		Hookers & Johns: Trick		REAL Sports		★★ "The Hammer" (2007) Adam Carolla.		(:35) All	
MAX	Me, Myself	★★ "Militia" (2000) Dean Cain.			★★ "Leatherheads" (2008) George Clooney.				★★★ "Role Models" (2008)			Co-Ed Conf.	Co-Ed Conf.	(:45) ★★ "Young Guns" (1988) Emilio Estevez.			Black Sheep	
SHOW	10 Items	In Pot We Trust (ITV) Medicinal marijuana.			Dexter "Dirty Harry" (ITV)		★★ "The Eye" (2008, Horror) Jessica Alba. ITV.				Bon Jovi: When We Were Beautiful (ITV)		Russell Peters Presents (ITV)				"Take" (2007, Drama) ITV.	
STARZ	(4:45) ★ "Armageddon" (1998)		(:20) ★★★ "Bolt" (2008, Comedy)		(:06) ★★ "Pineapple Express" (2008) Seth Rogen.						Crash		★ "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton.					Starz Inside
TMC	Gospel Hill	★ "Live Free or Die" (2006, Comedy)			★ "Eye See You" (2002) Tom Berenger		(:40) ★★ "Kalifornia" (1993) Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis.				(:40) ★★ "From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996) Harvey Keitel.				★★★ "Get on the Bus" (1996, Drama)	

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NEWS

Study: Diabetes can be delayed

Researchers found that overweight people can delay diabetes for years if they lose a modest amount through diet and exercise.

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PITTSBURGH – He had to give up his favorite breakfast buffet and take up walking, but the payoff has been priceless for Jim Scheder.

The retired truck driver from Carrick staved off diabetes, an illness that afflicted his late father.

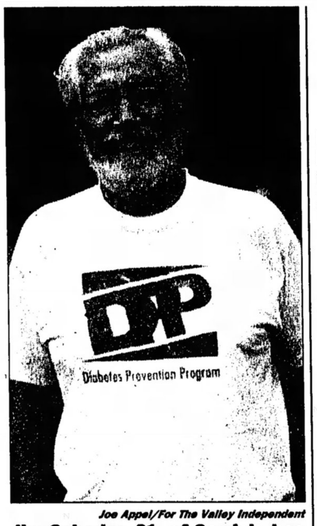
"I don't want diabetes," said Scheder, 81. "Years ago, they told me I had borderline diabetes. Everything turned out OK and I forgot about it. Then I read about diabetes in the paper and I thought, 'Gee, it's about time to check on that again.' "

Scheder is one of more than 2,700 Americans enrolled in the country's largest-ever study of type 2 diabetes prevention, started at 27 sites including the University of Pittsburgh. After analyzing data for a record 10 years, researchers found that millions of overweight people can delay diabetes for years if they lose a modest amount through diet and exercise.

About 24 million people in the United States have diabetes, and 57 million are at risk of it.

The study, known as the Diabetes Prevention Program Outcomes Study and sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, includes 159 participants in the Pittsburgh region. Results are being published today in the journal The Lancet.

The study concluded that lowering fat and calories in the diet and increasing regular exercise to 150 minutes a week cut the rate of developing type 2 diabetes by 34 percent in overweight and obese people. Those who took the diabetes drug metformin reduced the rate of developing the disease by 18 percent.



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Jim Scheder, 81, of Carrick, has participated in a study that helped him prevent the development of diabetes.

"People are getting the message," said Elizabeth Venditti, a psychiatry professor at Pitt who directed part of the study. She worked with Trevor Orchard, the principal investigator at Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health.

"These individuals are regular folks who have decided to put a healthy lifestyle on the front burner, and in doing so, they continue to have good health," Venditti said.

Researchers are following patients for an additional five years, with the hope of learning more about their risks for cardiovascular disease, she said.

The benefits of lifestyle changes were particularly pronounced in Scheder's group — those 60 and older.

"You get a high level of dedication from this group," she said.

Scheder, who weighed about 200 pounds, dropped 20 when he started keeping a journal of every meal, reduced red meat consumption and started eating more fruits and vegetables. He joined a walking club that gets together twice a week for an hour.

"I can feel the difference when I get off my diet," he said. "It's a mindset."

Museum seeks funds for mastodon exhibit

Donors can 'buy' a bone through the fundraising campaign.

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Can't find the right holiday present for that special someone?

How about a mastodon bone?

For as little as $25, supporters of the Pennsylvania State Museum can help pay for construction of a mastodon exhibit scheduled to go on display in January. That will "buy" one of the mastodon's roughly 263 bones. A big spender could fork over $25,000 to claim the mastodon skull.

"It's awesome," said Robert Sullivan, the Harrisburg museum's chief curator of paleontology/geology. "It's a first-class specimen."

This will be the first time the public can view the entire skeleton, even though the museum has had the mastodon for about 40 years. The skeleton, 12,000 years old, was excavated in 1968 in Monroe County, said Jack Leighow, the museum's director.

"We didn't have the space to do a full mount," Leighow said. "So we had only a half-mount that in no way conveyed the majestic nature of these animals' size or movement."

Mastodons, which became extinct between 10,000 years and 12,000 years ago, belong to a group of animals called provoscideans. They include the modern-day elephant and extinct wooly mammoths, Sullivan said.

"This is the kind of exhibit that will last in children's memories for many years," said Ruth Granfors, president of the Friends of the State Museum, a Harrisburg nonprofit that supports museum programs.

The mastodon buy-a-bone campaign has raised about $30,000 so far, Granfors said. It began this month.

Leighow said the goal is to raise $250,000 and build the skeleton and permanent gallery where the mastodon will reside beginning next fall.

Donors will receive certificates commemorating their purchases, said Howard Pollman, museum spokesman. The "owners" will be named on a plaque that will hang in the exhibit hall.

When the mastodon goes on display, it will be part of a University of Florida traveling exhibit, "Tusks."

US Airways jobs leaving Pittsburgh

Locally based line-maintenance jobs will be moved elsewhere.

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PITTSBURGH – US Airways will transfer an undetermined number of maintenance jobs out of Pittsburgh early next year as part of a companywide restructuring announced Wednesday.

The airline, which last week reported losses of $80 million during the year's third quarter, said it will shed flights, close several crew bases and cut nearly 1,000 jobs across its system during the first half of next year, including 600 customer-service and ramp workers, 200 pilots and 150 flight attendants.

In a letter to employees, US Airways Chairman and CEO Doug Parker said the carrier was "rightsizing our flying to better match demand."

Company spokesman Morgan Durrant said no flight cuts would happen in Pittsburgh, but the carrier will transfer locally based line-maintenance jobs elsewhere.

"We won't know how many until the dust settles after the (reduced flying) schedule has been finalized. But there will be fewer mechanics needed in Pittsburgh in the first quarter of next year," Durrant said.

US Airways has 700 maintenance workers based at Pittsburgh International Airport, more than a third of the carrier's 2,000 locally based workers.

Early this decade, US Airways had almost four times as many maintenance workers and was trying to persuade state and local leaders to spend more than $120 million on new maintenance hangars that would accommodate Airbus aircraft being added to its fleet.

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Hair-raising high-wire act

Circus performer bringing unique skill to Pittsburgh next week.

By STACY WOLFORD
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Circus performer Andrea Ayala-Raffo takes impeccable care of her thick, long brunette hair.

After all, she spends many evenings literally hanging from it.

Ayala-Raffo will bring her unique act — hair hanging — to Pittsburgh next week as the 128th edition of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus spectacular rolls into town.

This year's circus, themed "Over the Top" will come to the Mellon Arena Nov. 4-8.

Although she is a veteran performer with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, Ayala-Raffo, 35, a Sarasota, Fla., native, says she is always excited about a new tour and visiting new cities every week.

"It's great, I can't imagine doing anything else," she said during a telephone interview on a stop in Bridgeport, Conn.

Like many of her colleagues, she refers to as family, Ayala-Raffo was born into a circus family. She is a fifth-generation Ayala to become a circus performer.

She began practicing the act when she was 11 years-old, and after a year of training, began performing for live audiences. Andrea's mother, Marguerite, was the first to perform this hair-raising act for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey — from 1979 until 1982.

Suspended 30 feet in the air, without a safety net or harness, she literally hangs by her hair, which is attached to a steel cable — a feat that always poses the question, "Doesn't it hurt?"

Andrea Ayala-Raffo hangs by her hair during a recent performance with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

"I get asked that a lot," she said. At first it did, but it is more like pressure than pain. It's very important to keep your hair even. Plus when I'm out there performing, I only focus on that."

In 1988, Ayala-Raffo and her older sister Michelle performed the family act for Ringling Bros.

Over the years, she left the United States to perform in Europe.

The Ayala sisters returned again to Ringling Bros. for the 128th edition, which marked the entry of their youngest sister, Alexis, into the family presentation. The trio presented a spectacular aerial act where they were not only suspended by their hair, but also executed difficult spins as they performed an elaborate juggling act with flaming torches.

Her return to the circus for the 138th edition is a "homecoming" as she is spending the entire tour with her husband and fellow performer, tiger trainer Daniel Raffo, whom she met while touring with the 126th edition, and their 3-year-old son Davian.

She says her son loves watching his parents perform.

"It's wonderful that we can all be together," she says of touring with her husband and son.

The family is traveling by recreational vehicle during the two year tour, which will allow her husband to be close to his family as well as his seven 700-pound cohorts, the Siberian, Sumatra and Bengal tigers.

While Ayala-Raffo performs her hair-hanging act during the show's opening, she is also involved in many production aspects of the circus.

She said every new tour brings something different to the audience.

She said "Over the Top" is a wacky and whimsical circus spectacular as ringmaster Chuck Wagner and clown eccentric Tom Dougherty compete for control of a magical top hat that brings to life their "fantastical imaginations."

The circus will feature flying dogs, Asian elephants skipping, hopping and grooving and one courageous man who will stand eye to eye with a pack of powerful Bengal tigers.

Of course, the circus will have its share of daredevils, too, with equestrian stunts and the Flying Caceres performing high-altitude feats on a double-decker trapeze.

Circus celebrities will help "rev-up the motorcycle madness" with one cycle on a high wire and seven speeding riders in a steel globe.

Ayala-Raffo encourages families to come one hour early to attend the free, all-access pre-show.

"This is so much fun for the kids and parents," she said.

A total of 92 animals travel with the entourage, with everything from eight Asian elephant and 11 tigers to one African porcupine and two Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs.

The circus features 102 performers who hail from 20 countries on five continents. Backstage, it's not uncommon to hear 11 different languages spoken.

Ayala-Raffo says she will continue performing her hair-hanging stunts for years to come, but won't push her son to become a sixth-generation circus performer.

"If that is something that he wants to do, I would tell him he should do whatever makes him happy," she said.

And while Ayala-Raffo is hanging from her hair at the Mellon Arena, audience members will see a smile on her face.

Performance dates

Nov. 4
7 p.m.
Nov. 5
10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.
Nov. 6
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Nov. 7
11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
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Student's work on Fangoria

For The Valley Independent

Anthony Vingas has always been a fan of filmmaking and music.

Anthony Vingas

Coming from a musical family — his dad, Anthony, was a drummer in a local band called "Bloodsun" —, Vingas became interested in the entertainment world at a young age.

A 2005 graduate of Monessen High School and currently a fourth semester student in the Factory Digital Filmmaking Program at Douglas Education Center,, Vingas has just completed a "pretty amazing feat" — composing the entire score for a student-produced Web series called "Here There Be Monsters."

The series consists of four episodes, approximately seven to 10 minutes each, premiering exclusively on Fangoria.com.

Fangoria is nationally recognized and is celebrating more than 30 years of entertaining horror enthusiasts through its magazine, radio station, online community, convention tours and more.

"I created the music for the entire series over an intense two months," said Vingas. "To have the Web series premiere on Fangoria and knowing that people around the world are watching it and listening to my music is pretty cool."

A self-taught musician, Vingas plays guitar, bass, and drums and likes to incorporate synthesizers into his work. Much of his music is upbeat with an eclectic blend of hip-hop and electronica.

For the title sequence of the series, Vingas put a twist on Peter Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," turning a classical song into an eerie techno mix.

"Anthony is extremely gifted," said Robert Tinnell, Director of the Digital Filmmaking Program. "The amazing thing is he's as talented as a filmmaker as he is a musician. He's adept at every aspect of making movies and I feel comfortable that he has a great career ahead of him."

"Here There Be Monsters" was produced by students of The Factory Digital Filmmaking Program at Douglas, in conjunction with the Tom Savini's Special Make-Up Effects Program, as well as the Cosmetology Programs at DEC.

On Friday, the final installment of the series will premiere on Fangoria.com

Belle Vernon Area VOTERS!

Because Tuesday's General Election is vitally important to the future of taxpayers and students in the BVA School District, I seek your support.

Dale Patterson, Joe Grata and Ed Naylor are likely to be elected since they won both Republican and Democrat nominations in the Primary Election. I barely missed the Democrat nomination but won a Republican nomination in the cross-filing.

A "straight" Republican ticket will be a vote for those three qualified candidates and me, a real estate agent who has been a BVA director for the past eight years and held leadership positions.

In order to vote for us on the Democrat ticket, you'll have to cast individual votes by going to "school director at large" on the voting machines.

I have been involved in business and BVA school activities while raising two sons and a daughter, all college graduates. I'm secretary and a past president of St. Anne's Christian Mothers, a board member of the Rostraver Chamber of Commerce and member of Belle Vernon Rotary Club.

Please consider a qualified candidate has served on the BVA board with interest, dignity and dedication.

Please keep a "mom's voice," on the board. I am an independent thinker who spends time at the schools and examines the issues. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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Free agents pay off for Steelers

Keyaron Fox, who made a big play to seal Sunday's win, is the latest Steelers free agent bargain. **5B**

Valley SPORTS

Changing fortunes?

Mark Martin has had a change of heart about Talladega; now he hopes to change his luck. **2B**

Cal U record breaker

Senior Amanda Heister became the all-time leading goal scorer in Cal U women's soccer history, picking up four goals Wednesday. **3B**

Sports Trivia

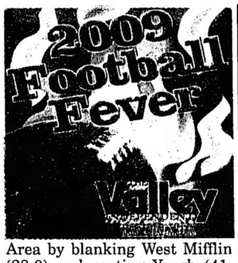
Pittsburgh's Bill Mazeroski is one of only two players to end a World Series with a walk-off home run. Who is the other? **3B**

Last night's games

Phoenix 4, Columbus 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
St. Louis 5, Carolina 2
Buffalo 4, New Jersey 1
Ottawa 4, Florida 3
Dallas 4, Toronto 3, OT

Brian **HERMAN**

Picking area football winners



Taking a look at this weekend's area football games after an 8-2 showing upped my season record to 60-17:

California at Monessen

The Greyhounds are eyeing their second unbeaten Tri-County South Conference season in three years. After starting out 3-0 in the conference, California has lost three in a row to Carmichaels (44-26), Beth-Center (3-0) and Jefferson-Morgan (21-20) to virtually slip out of the playoff picture. The only way the Trojans can make the playoffs is with a win and a Carmichaels defeat at winless West Greene. The Trojans' senior quarterback D.J. Martinak has scored 92 points on 15 touchdowns and a two-pointer and has rushed for 794 yards with an impressive 8 yard average. Monessen owns three straight victories over Cal. Make that four with the Greyhounds winning by 13 points.

Elizabeth Forward at Belle Vernon Area

Elizabeth is 3-0 against Keystone teams, but 1-4 in the Big 7. The Warriors' lone conference win came over Ringgold (30-14), with its other victories over Yough (14-3), Laurel Highlands (26-7) and Derry (22-14). The Leps are coming off a 26-22 loss at unbeaten Thomas Jefferson. Elizabeth's player to watch is 6-3, 250-pound senior fullback Greg Sotereanos. The Leps' Matt Green needs six yards to reach 1,000. Green rushed for 80 yards and returned a kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown in last year's 28-14 loss at Elizabeth that cost the Leps a playoff berth. The last time the Warriors played at James Weir Stadium, they went home with a 23-22 victory in a Thursday night contest to end the 2003 campaign. Not this time. BVA tunes for the playoffs with a 13-point win.

Mt. Pleasant at Charleroi

The Vikings' second season in the Class AA Interstate Conference has been a lot different than the first when Mt. Pleasant closed with three losses to finish at 4-5 after dropping down from Class AAA. Mt. Pleasant is one of only two unbeaten teams left in WPIAL's Class AA and is coming off successive shutout wins over Jeannette (13-0), South Allegheny (20-0) and Brownsville (49-0). The Vikings' other victims are McGuffey (17-6), Washington (28-15), Waynesburg (35-13), Greensburg Central Catholic (36-35) and East Allegheny (50-0). Bryce Ansell is averaging 116 yards a game with nine touchdowns. Charleroi was riding a five-game winning streak and sitting in second place before falling out of the playoff picture with losses to McGuffey (22-9) and Washington (20-18). Cougar sophomore Quentin Briggs is in the 1,000-yard club for the second year. Last year, Briggs carried 35 times for 194 yards and two touchdowns in a 27-14 Cougar victory. It's payback time for Mt. Pleasant. The Vikings get the nod by 13 points.

Ringgold at Trinity

A playoff spot is on the line. The Hillers rebounded from a 21-6 home loss to Belle Vernon Area by blanking West Mifflin (28-0) and routing Yough (41-21). Trinity also owns a win over Elizabeth Forward (21-7) between losses to Canon-McMillan (36-22), Greensburg Salem (10-7), Thomas Jefferson (30-12) and Chartiers Valley (30-12). Senior quarterback Andrew Steratore threw for 147 yards and two touchdowns against Yough. Ringgold snapped a four-game skid in the Big 7 for coach Lloyd Price's first conference win. Ringgold offense revolves around junior quarterback Dylan Patch. Trinity owns four straight wins over the Rams. Make that five by 10 points.

Southmoreland at Yough

First-year Yough coach Jim Ward should be looking forward to facing the Scotties. Winless Southmoreland is probably the WPIAL's weakest Class AAA team, getting outscored 385-50. The Scots' closest loss was last week's 44-14 defeat to Uniontown. The other setbacks were to Franklin Regional (48-15), Belle Vernon Area (49-0), Ringgold (59-14), Laurel Highlands (47-7), Derry (55-0), Albert Gallatin (39-0) and Greensburg Salem (44-0). Yough hasn't fared much better with only a 17-14 win over Derry in the fourth game. The Scots have lost 17 in a row, including last year's 39-14 defeat to the Cougars. The last time the Scots played at Cougar Mountain in 2007, they went home a 52-37 loser. Go with Yough by four touchdowns.

Bentworth at Frazier

Lou Rood hasn't had much to smile about in his first season with the Bearcats. After opening at home with a 41-33 win over Mapletown, Bentworth has only one other victory, 28-18 over Avella. Bentworth is winless on the road with losses at Fort Cherry (46-6), Burgettstown (42-21) and Serra (13-0) to go with defeats to Geibel (27-21), Clairton (53-0) and Chartiers-Houston (21-0). Bentworth's Ben Gregg has thrown for 700 yards and seven touchdowns. Frazier has sandwiched wins over Mapletown (34-14), Avella (28-2) and Burgettstown (21-20) between losses to California (20-16), Clairton (62-7), Chartiers-Houston (17-0), Fort Cherry (49-14) and Serra (25-0). Chase Kirmeyer leads the Commodores' defense. Last year, Jim Kline ran for one touchdown and threw for another in a 25-6 Frazier win over the Bearcats. In a repeat, Frazier by three touchdowns.

Mercyhurst at California University

The Lakers' 3-3 PSAC West record is a bit deceiving since two of the losses were by a total of five points at Slippery Rock (17-16) and at Clarion (29-25). Mercyhurst owns wins over Cheyney (45-15), Indiana (20-16), Lock Haven (19-7) and Gannon (27-17) with its other defeats to Wayne State (31-13), Bloomsburg (17-7) and Edinboro (32-22). With a seven straight wins, Cal is the hottest team in the PSAC. The Vulcans have been averaging 41 points in the streak. The 3:30 p.m. contest will be televised by Fox Sports. Cal tunes for next week's PSAC championship game at Shippensburg with a three-touchdown win.

Crosby's 'trick' treats Pens to win

Penguins star notches his third multiple-goal game of the season.

Associated Press

Sidney Crosby, left, celebrates his third goal of Wednesday's game with Chris Kunitz.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Superstitious Sidney Crosby didn't want to jinx his shot at a hat trick after his first two goals. Perhaps for the same reason, he isn't willing to acknowledge he's morphing into a top pure goal-scorer.

Crosby had his third career hat trick and the Pittsburgh Penguins became the first NHL team to reach 10 victories this season, snapping the Montreal Canadiens' four-game winning streak with a 6-1 victory Wednesday night. A few hours later, Colorado also reached 10 wins, beating Calgary 3-2 to improve to 10-1-2.

Crosby, tied for fifth in the NHL with nine goals, had his third multiple-goal game in 12 starts this season for Pittsburgh (10-2-0).

"When you get three goals in a game, that kind of changes the look of your (season) numbers early on," said Crosby, who has 36 goals in his past 55 games (including the playoffs). "I'm trying to shoot the puck when I get chances and trying to not pass up good shots, but it's just been a matter of the puck going in early on."

Chris Kunitz also scored and assisted on all three of Crosby's goals. Mike Rupp and Alex Goligoski added goals, and Bill Guerin had three assists.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 23 saves, allowing only Tomas Plekanec's power-play goal.

With the victory, the defending Stanley Cup

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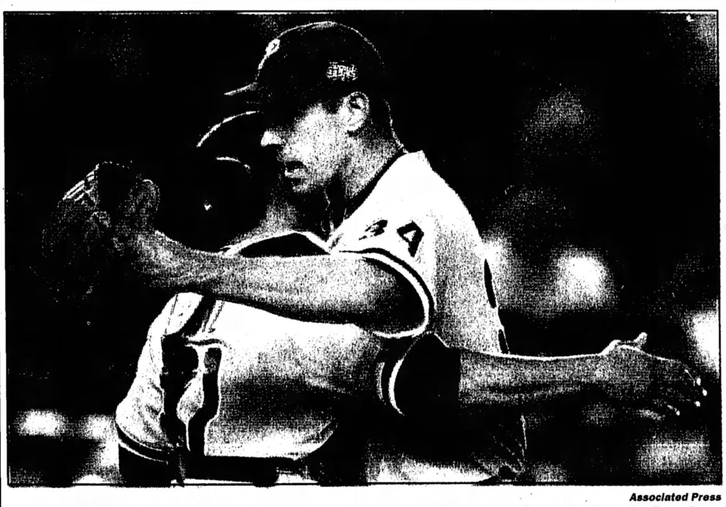

Associated Press

Philadelphia's Cliff Lee, right, is congratulated by catcher Carlos Ruiz after defeating the Yankees in Game 1 of the World Series.

Phillies' Lee dominant in World Series opener

Pitcher goes the distance and strikes out 10 in Game 1 victory.

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Girardi could take away one comforting thought after watching Cliff Lee shut down the New York Yankees.

"He can't pitch every day," the Yankees manager said.

Lee tickled his teammates with a ho-hum catch, made a behind-the-back snag seem routine and bamboozled the New York hitters the whole way, pitching the Philadelphia Phillies to a 6-1 win Wednesday night in the World Series opener.

"It's been a long time since I've been nervous playing this game," Lee said. "I try not to leave anything to chance."

Lee could have been clowning around with his kids, it looked so easy. He outdueled CC Sabathia and Chase Utley homered twice as the defending champion Phillies kept rolling through October.

The Phils shut down Alex Rodriguez & Co. in the first Series game at the new billion-dollar ballpark. Trying to become the first NL team to repeat since Cincinnati in 1975-76, the Phils' current 17-4 postseason run is the best in league history.

Big Red Machine, meet the New Red Machine.

"We have confidence. We know we have a good team," Utley said.

Game 2 is tonight, with wily Pedro Martinez pitching for the Phillies against jumpy A.J. Burnett.

Lee stopped the Yankees with a spiked curveball, deceptive changeup and his usual pinpoint fastball, pitching a six-hitter while striking out 10 without a walk. He became the first since Don Newcombe in 1949 to fan double digits with no walks in a Series game.

The lefty blanked the Yankees until a run scored on shortstop Jimmy Rollins' throwing error in the ninth inning. Lee improved to 3-0 with an 0.54 ERA this postseason.

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That's Racin'

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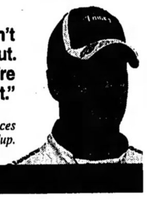
"The mechanicals, the stuff we can't control is the stuff I'm worried about. The stuff we can control, I feel we're going to be great."

— *Points leader Jimmie Johnson, on his chances at the remaining tracks in the Chase for the Sprint Cup.*



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Rethinking Talladega

With a title at stake, Mark Martin hopes changing his views of the storied superspeedway will change his fortunes there

By Jim Utter
McClatchy Newspapers

Can a change of heart change Mark Martin's championship fortunes?

Throughout Martin's nearly 28-year career in the Sprint Cup Series, he has never been a big fan of racing at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, site of Sunday's Amp Energy 500.

In the 7,141 laps he's raced at the track, he's led just 315 — about 4 percent. He does own two career wins at the track, the most recent in 1997 — more than a decade ago.

When Martin decided to move to a part-time Cup schedule in 2007 and 2008, he left Talladega off his list of races. When asked why, he was succinct: "There are too many wrecks there!"

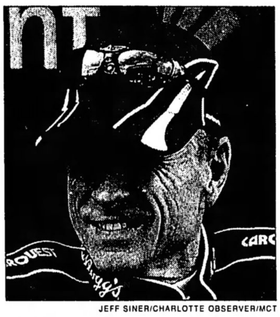
A fulltime return to the series this season with Hendrick Motorsports meant a return to Talladega, but after wrecking in the April race and finishing dead, last his opinion hadn't changed immediately after the race.

"Here, having a great car doesn't do you any good because you can't separate yourself from the other cars," he said at the time.

But times do change — even from the spring to the fall.

Entering Sunday's race, Martin remains the driver with the best chance to deny Hendrick teammate Jimmie Johnson his fourth consecutive championship.

To do so, Martin will have to make up a 118-point deficit to Johnson in the last four races. It won't be easy. And it will require from Martin a better-than-expected result at Talladega.



JEFF SINER/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER/MCT

Mark Martin's most recent victory at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway came in 1997.

"I have a feeling that I'm going to have a great Talladega race," Martin said to an astonished group of media last weekend at Martinsville, Va. "I don't know if our competition will or not.

"I wrecked on Lap 5 last time. I've got a feeling that this just isn't going to happen this time. The law of averages is going to get you sooner or later, and I think I've got some good karma going in there so I'm very optimistic."

Good karma? Optimistic about Talladega?

Is this the same Martin, who after wrecking out of a Talladega race in 2005, said in a TV interview he didn't like racing there and the fans were the only ones that could change that — and only if they somehow convinced NASCAR to alter the rules.

Yes, it's the same Martin.

"It's my turn. Why not go there? To me it's my opportunity to really get back into the running for (the title)," he said. "So, I plan on going there and driving like I know I am not going to wreck."

Strange as it may seem for a talented driver like Martin, that has not always been the case when it comes to the 2.66-mile, highly banked speedway.

"The last time I went there I was concerned about it because we didn't need to, and we were struggling to get from the bottom of the barrel to the Chase and we got in a wreck," he said.

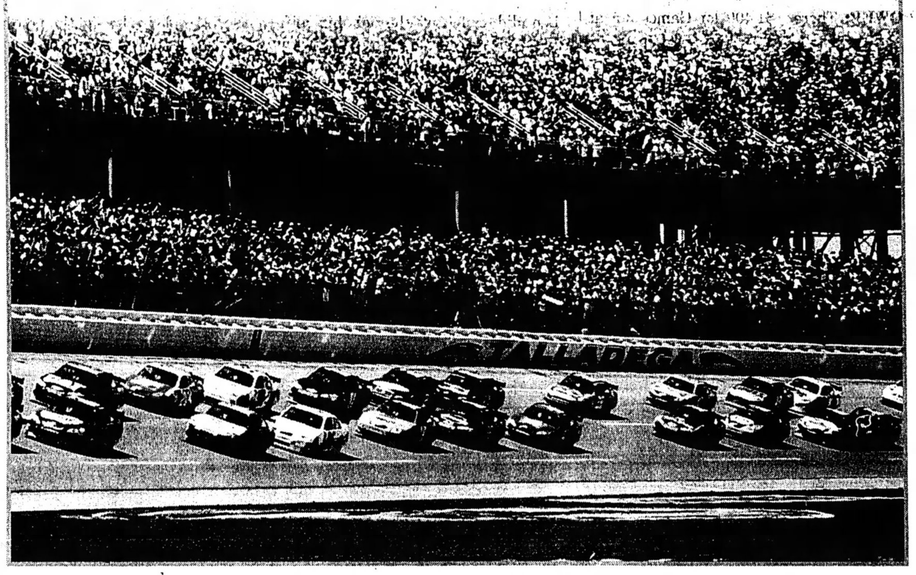
"I am going to go there and not worry about it. I'm going to go there and race, and I am going to race like I am not concerned about getting in an accident.

"Sometimes accidents are all around you and you don't get tangled up, and I am going to race like I am expecting it to happen around me and not catch me."

Even if successful, Martin would still need a bad performance by Johnson to make up serious ground in the Chase for the Sprint Cup standings.

Is that possible? It doesn't appear likely through six Chase races. But much like Martin's opinion of Talladega, it can change.

TODD WARSHAW FOR NASCAR



THIS WEEK'S RACE

AMP ENERGY 500

Where: Talladega Superspeedway, a 2.66-mile highly banked paved tri-oval located in Talladega, Ala.

When: Sunday at 1 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 12:15 p.m. Saturday.

TV: ABC.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Last year's winner: Tony Stewart.

Worth mentioning: Saturday night, immediately following the Trucks race, "Hallow-Dega" — billed as the world's largest Halloween Party — begins at the speedway. To start is a free concert featuring Houston County, Blackberry Smoke, LoCash Cowboys and Colt Ford. Later, AMP Energy and Dale Earnhardt Jr. welcome the Zac Brown Band to the Talladega infield. This concert is open to all fans with Sunday race tickets.

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

■ **Denny Hamlin:** Out of championship hunt. Still in the hunt for wins.

■ **Jimmie Johnson:** No win, but still gains on Mark Martin. He'll take it.

■ **Juan Pablo Montoya:** The only driver who appears able to keep up with the Hendrick armada.

■ **Timothy Peters:** Truck win at Martinsville proves good things happen to good people.

■ **Kyle Busch:** Closing in a the Nationwide Series title.

WHO'S NOT

■ **Dale Earnhardt Jr.:** Somebody stop the season, I'm sure he wants to get off.

■ **Kasey Kahne:** Pretty much knocked around like a pinball at Martinsville.

■ **David Stremme/Sam Hornish Jr.:** One place teammates don't want to meet — in a wreck.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

SPRINT CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Oct. 25:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	6098	21. Kevin Harvick	3275
2. Mark Martin	5980	22. Jamie McMurray	3091
3. Jeff Gordon	5948	23. Martin Truex Jr.	3064
4. Tony Stewart	5906	24. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3062
5. Juan Montoya	5898	25. A.J. Allmendinger	3020
6. Kurt Busch	5858	26. Elliott Sadler	2991
7. Ryan Newman	5786	27. Sam Hornish Jr.	2905
8. Greg Biffle	5748	28. David Ragan	2873
9. Denny Hamlin	5748	29. Reed Sorenson	2849
10. Carl Edwards	5685	30. David Stremme	2817
11. Kasey Kahne	5659	31. Bobby Labonte	2808
12. Brian Vickers	5568	32. Paul Menard	2705
13. Kyle Busch	3920	33. Michael Waltrip	2461
14. Matt Kenseth	3895	34. Robby Gordon	2402
15. Clint Bowyer	3805	35. Scott Speed	2353
16. David Reutimann	3784	36. John Andretti	2282
17. Marcos Ambrose	3453	37. David Gilliland	1700
18. Jeff Burton	3379	38. Regan Smith	1260
19. Casey Mears	3378	39. Joe Nemechek	1228
20. Joey Logano	3324	40. Brad Keselowski	1183

NATIONWIDE SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Oct. 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kyle Busch	5179	11. Michael McDowell	3265
2. Carl Edwards	4964	12. Tony Raines	3236
3. Brad Keselowski	4922	13. Kenny Wallace	3233
4. Jason Leffler	4184	14. Joey Logano	3115
5. Justin Allgaier	3743	15. Kevin Harvick	2923
6. Mike Bliss	3684	16. Scott Wimmer	2832
7. Steve Wallace	3626	17. Eric McClure	2698
8. Jason Keller	3574	18. David Ragan	2340
9. Brendan Gaughan	3563	19. Brian Vickers	2257
10. Michael Annett	3298	20. Danny O'Quinn Jr.	2230

NEXT RACE: Nov. 7, O'Reilly Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Oct. 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Ron Hornaday	3375	6. Colin Braun	2797
2. Matt Crafton	3151	7. Timothy Peters	2768
3. Mike Skinner	3049	8. Johnny Sauter	2782
4. Todd Bodine	2815	9. David Starr	2684
5. Brian Scott	2805	10. Rick Crawford	2684

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Mountain Dew 250, Talladega, Ala.

RANKINGS

CHASE UPDATE

How the top five drivers in the NASCAR Chase for the Sprint Cup fared Sunday at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia:

1. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): No victory Sunday but still gained 28 points on Martin. Has lots of wiggle room in the points standings for this weekend's wild-card race at Talladega, Ala.

2. Mark Martin (car No. 5): His team gambled with a late-race pit stop for fresh tires hoping to gain some ground on Johnson. Three cautions in the final 15 laps hurt his momentum. He finished eighth.

"You know, eighths, sevenths, doesn't look like that's going to be enough to go out here and win this championship, but there's still some racing left," Martin said.

3. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Gordon's car at the end of Sunday's race was much like it was at the beginning — fast. But three cautions in the final 15 laps cut short his effort to challenge the leader.

4. Tony Stewart (car No. 14): Stewart, like Martin, tried a pit strategy call late in the race with four fresh tires while most lead lap cars remained on the track.

5. Juan Pablo Montoya (car No. 42): He seemed to have a car capable of challenging for the win. Montoya led 37 laps and spent most of the race in the top five.

"This is our first Chase and we're learning what we have to do, how aggressive you've got to run," Montoya said.

To see how the rest of the Chasers fared, visit www.thatsracin.com.

Sadler looking forward to getting a head start on next season

By Jim Utter
McClatchy Newspapers

Elliott Sadler said he looks at the opportunity to drive a Ford in this weekend's race at Talladega, Ala., as a chance to get a jumpstart on the 2010 season.

Although the proposed merger is not yet official between Richard Petty Motorsports and Yates Racing, Sadler's No. 19 RPM team — which has been a Dodge all season — is getting a head start by driving a Ford next weekend.

"I think it's a good thing. We have two different entities here. Let's not wait until Daytona to be working together for the first time at the race track," Sadler said last Saturday.

Sadler said there were numerous differences between the cars — particularly in the area of the engines. "Doing this race gives my team the opportunity to spend a weekend with this car and get familiar with it," he said.

ROBERT LABERGE FOR NASCAR

Driver Elliott Sadler and the No. 19 team will race Fords at this weekend's Sprint Cup race at Talladega Superspeedway.

Sadler was selected at least in part because of his previous relationship with Yates. He drove four seasons with Robert Yates Racing.

"I've driven Doug's (Yates, owner of Yates Racing) stuff. I understand what he wants from a driver," Sadler said. "I think this will help answer a lot of questions."

Sadler said Talladega was the only race he was currently scheduled to drive a Ford for the remainder of the season.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

■ I know it sounds like a broken record but once again NASCAR showed that while it has made many advances in the area of safety, it fails to understand why its fans get peeved when it allows a race to end the way it did Sunday at Martinsville (Va.) Speedway. For the second time this season, NASCAR allowed a spun out car to sit on the frontstretch of the last lap and waited to throw the caution until the cars were in Turn 3 and 4. If you throw a caution for a 6-inch piece of debris at one point of the race, how do you ignore a 3,400-pound stopped car at another?

■ I've always found it odd when drivers label each other as "aggressive" when you're trying to race around 42 other competitors on a half-mile track like Martinsville. Unless the fastest car on the track is out front and leading all 500 laps, a driver had to find a way to get around his competition if he wants to try to win. That is the point after all.

Earnhardt Jr.

■ Give some credit to Dale Earnhardt Jr. His tire problems early in the race sent him two laps down. He could have packed it up and called it day. Instead he stayed in the hunt and twice got the free pass when cautions came out which eventually put him back on the lead lap. He was running back in the top 15 when another blown tire forced him to pit under green and he finished two laps down in 29th.

SPORTS

Big night for sweet-swinging Utley

Philadelphia second baseman homers twice off Sabathia.

By ROB MAADDI
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — With his short, compact stroke, Chase Utley is a dangerous hitter with two strikes.

CC Sabathia found out the hard way.

Philadelphia's All-Star second baseman hit two solo homers off the Yankees ace, helping the defending champion Phillies beat New York 6-1 in Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday night.

Utley worked a full count before driving a 95 mph fastball about two rows into the seats in right field with two outs in the third, giving the Phillies a 1-0 lead.

He ripped another 95 mph heater, on an 0-2 pitch, deep into the right-field bleachers with one out in the sixth to make it 2-0.

"The majority of the time with two strikes, I'll choke up on the bat a little bit to try to stay as short as possible," Utley said. "It doesn't always work out like that, but that's the goal."

Utley, who finished the game 2 for 4, walked in the first inning to set a postseason record by reaching base in 26 straight games. Baltimore's Boog Powell held the record of 25 straight games from 1966-71.

"I didn't know that happened," Utley said. "You try to get on base for the next guy. The more guys on base we have, the better opportunity we have to score some runs."

Utley became the second left-handed batter to hit two homers off a left-handed pitcher in the World Series, joining Babe Ruth, who did it for the Yankees against St. Louis in 1928.

No surprise, Utley wasn't too impressed with his accomplishment.

"I guess that's pretty good company," Utley said. "It doesn't really matter that much."

Sabathia had not allowed a homer in Yankee Stadium to a left-handed hitter this year before Utley connected.

Utley came in 0 for 7 with five strikeouts against the big lefty, including the postseason. The Phillies beat Sabathia in Game 2 of the NL division series last year when he pitched for Milwaukee.

Known mostly for his hitting, the hardworking Utley has developed into an above-average fielder since breaking in with the Phillies in 2003. But he made two throwing errors while trying to turn double plays that led to important runs in the first two games of the NL championship series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

When the Phillies returned to Philadelphia with the series tied at one game apiece, Utley's errant tosses were the talk of the town. Some compared him to Steve Sax and Chuck Knoblauch. When Utley made an accurate throw on his first chance at home, fans gave him a hand. It wasn't mock applause, more a sense of relief. Utley hasn't had any problems since leaving Dodger Stadium.

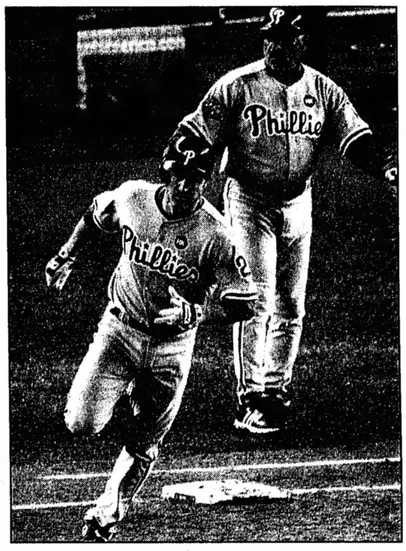
Now, his bat has put him back in the headlines.

Utley has averaged 30 homers and 100 RBIs while batting .303 over the last four seasons, and has started in the All-Star game each year.

"He has tremendous balance and rhythm, and his swing produces a lot of bat speed, too," manager Charlie Manuel said. "His weight shift definitely produces a lot of bat speed, and he's got real quick hands to the ball."

Utley is widely considered the best second baseman in the majors. Gritty and hard-nosed, he goes all-out on every play, busts it on routine grounders and easy pop-ups, and spends lots of time in the video room and batting cages.

He played through pain last season, underwent hip surgery in November, returned ahead of schedule and was in the lineup on opening day.



Associated Press

Philadelphia's Chase Utley rounds first base past coach Davey Lopes after hitting a solo home run, his second of the game, during the sixth inning.

World Series notebook

Clutch hit for Ibanez

NEW YORK (AP) — Raul Ibanez was hoping to make it to his first World Series when he agreed to a free-agent deal with the defending champion Phillies in the offseason.

Now that he's here, he's determined to make the most of the opportunity.

Ibanez bounced a two-run single into right field to help Philadelphia beat the New York Yankees 6-1 in Game 1 of the Fall Classic on Wednesday night. The hit off David Robertson made it 4-0 and came after the designated hitter went hitless with two strikeouts in his first three at-bats against CC Sabathia.

"Two different pitchers," Ibanez said. "I didn't change my approach, just tried to put the ball into play."

Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who has been playing the matchups all postseason, curiously stayed with the right-handed Robertson when the lefty-batting Ibanez came to the plate.

"Robby just almost got out of it, and they hit a ground ball in the hole," Girardi said.

Ibanez got off to a fast start after agreeing to a $31.5 million, three-year contract with Philadelphia in the offseason, making his first career All-Star team. He slowed down in the second half when he was bothered by a sore groin but still finished with a career-high 34 homers.

"Everybody in here is a grinder," Ibanez said. "They grind things out. They grind at-bats out. They play hard. They hustle. They do things the right way."

STAR POWER: There were plenty of stars off the field, too.

Alec Baldwin, Matthew McConaughey, NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon, former New York Rangers captain Mark Messier, ex-Homeland Security head Tom Ridge and movie directors Spike Lee and Steven Spielberg were all in attendance for the first Series game at the new Yankee Stadium.

Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter's actress girlfriends were in their usual spots. Kate Hudson was sitting up front and Minka Kelly was in Jeter's suite.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani was in his front row seat next to the Yankees dugout along the first-base line.

He expected to see many famous faces in the Bronx for one simple reason.

"New York's the capital of the world," Giuliani told The Associated Press while standing on the field before the game.

PRICEY TIX: Want to go to a World Series game? Try the Big Apple.

The average ticket price for the first two games at Yankee Stadium was $600 on Wednesday afternoon, compared with $1,400 for Games 3-5 at Citizens Bank Park. The cheapest tickets were going for about $310 in New York and $475 in Philadelphia.

FanSnap.com, an Internet search engine that finds tickets on resale sites, reported there were more than 6,000 tickets available for Game 1 and 4,000-plus for Game 2 on Thursday night, with some sellers wanting more than $2,600 for a nice seat to watch Pedro Martinez's highly anticipated start for the Phillies.

There were more than 15,000 tickets listed for the next three games in Philadelphia, with the highest-priced seats advertised for almost $3,000 for Game 5, according to FanSnap.com.

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He really seemed to enjoy himself, too.

"Game time is the time to go out there and have fun and let your skills take over. It's kind of weird. Boils down to confidence and trusting your teammates," he said.

If Lee felt any anxiety in his Series debut, facing the team that led the majors in wins, homers and runs, it didn't show. And if the Phillies were supposed to be intimidated by the pictures of Babe Ruth and all the Yankees greats on the giant videoboard, it didn't happen.

Pitching in short sleeves on a blustery evening, Lee worked a wad of gum while he worked his spell over the Yanks.

Lee did a lot of the job himself. When Johnny Damon hit a little popup to the mound, Lee merely stuck out his glove hand to the side and caught the ball as if it were an apple falling from a tree.

"You know, it was pretty cool," Lee said. "It was 15 feet in the air. Pretty simple catch. It came right to me."

That play left the Phillies laughing. Later, he made a nifty, behind-the-back stop on Robinson Cano's one-hopper. He threw the ball to first and shrugged. Easy.

That play stumped Ryan Howard.

"I was like ... wow. Am I missing something? It was so nonchalant, so casual," the Phillies first baseman said.

Said Lee: "I try not to go over the edge and be cocky."

Howard reprised his NL championship series MVP performance, doubling twice and driving in the final run. Barely looking like the 2-to-1 underdogs they are, the Phillies were in such control that many fans left before the final out.

Lee beat his good friend and former Cy Young teammate Sabathia in the first game at this ballpark back in April, and got this chance after the Phillies traded four minor leaguers to Cleveland in July to get him.

Rodriguez went hitless and struck out three times in his Series debut.

"I did keep it simple today. He kept it even more simple," Rodriguez said. "He threw the ball well. When a guy comes out like that, you tip your cap and move on. He made some pretty good pitches."

Playing in their 40th World Series, and first in six years, the Yankees went down quickly.

"As the game went on, it got quieter," Utley said.

Utley's solo home runs in the third and sixth innings gave Lee all the support he needed. Raul Ibanez hit a two-run single in the eighth and Shane Victorino added an RBI single in the ninth.

The Phillies' win may have been a bit overdue — in their only other October meeting, the Whiz Kids from Philadelphia got swept by the Yankees in the 1950 World Series and totaled just five runs.

Even though he's an All-Star, Utley was an unlikely candidate to rock Sabathia, the MVP of the ALCS. Utley was 0 for 7 with five strikeouts against the big lefty going into the game.

Utley won a nine-pitch duel with Sabathia in the third, pulling a 95 mph fastball barely over the right-field wall. The shot was the first by a left-hander allowed by Sabathia at home this year.

Utley struck again in the sixth, sending another 95 mph heater deep into the right-center field bleachers.

First lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden were among the crowd of 50,207, as were a few specks of fans dressed in Phillies red. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner watched from an upstairs box — he has yet to see his team win in the palace he built.

REMEMBER when?

Paul Strelick starred on Charleroi's 1959 unbeaten WPIAL championship team.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Chuck Fisher scored a touchdown and Jim Littler kicked a field goal in California State College's 13-10 loss to Clarion.

The New York Yankees fired manager Billy Martin for the second time in 15 months.

20 Years Ago

No. 7 and once-beaten Edinboro rolled over California University, 54-14, with Hal Galupi throwing for 182 yards and two touchdowns.

Yough's playoff hopes disappeared with a 32-24 loss at Keystone Conference leading Penn-Trafford.

Grant Bednar's 24-yard field goal with 23 seconds remaining gave Frazier a 10-7 win over Burgettstown.

No. 1 Notre Dame spotted Pitt an early 7-0 lead before rolling to a 45-7 win.

10 Years Ago

Needing a win or tie to claim the WPIAL Class AAA Section 6 title, Canon-McMillan's soccer team ruined the Ringgold Rams' senior night, 5-0.

Mike Seydor and Matt Long scored goals in Belle Vernon Area's 2-1 soccer win over Elizabeth Forward.

SPORTS DIGEST

Heister sets record in California win

Heister

California University senior Amanda Heister set a new school scoring record in style Wednesday.

Heister scored four goals for her first career hat trick in the Vulcans' 4-0 victory over visiting Indiana to up her career total to 42 and become the Vulcans' all-time leader.

Sherry Valera and Brianne Plute had shared the mark with 40.

Heister gave the Vulcans a 1-0 halftime lead with a goal in the 32nd minute on am assist from Sam Regney.

Heister's three second half goals came within 15 minutes.

Erin Feltz assisted on the record-tying goal with Kayla Fransko and Carley Work assisting on the final two scores.

Heister has 17 goals this season and her 102 career points is second only to Valera's 103.

Sophomore goalkeeper Paula Jackson posted her second straight shutout and ninth of the year.

The Vulcans (14-4-1, 9-3-1) are tied for first in the PSAC West with Mercyhurst.

Cal closes the regular season Saturday at Clarion.

Cal booters edge Wheeling Jesuit

Nick Helbig scored two goals to lead California University's soccer team to a 2-1 win over Wheeling Jesuit in the Vulcans' home finale.

Helbig's game-winner came on a penalty kick in the 84th minute.

California (12-6) closes its season Saturday at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Mollis gets ace at Nemacolin CC

Charleroi's Kevin Mollis joined the hole-in-one club Wednesday with an ace on the 168-yard No. 14 hole at Nemacolin Country Club.

Mollis used a 4 hybrid and his playing partners were Dave Kirtz, Raymond Glaser and Gary Wall.

Successful surgery for Sooners' Bradford

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma's Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Sam Bradford had surgery on his injured right shoulder and the school called it a success.

In a release sent out by the school, Bradford's father says Dr. James Andrews informed him that the procedure went "just as we expected."

Kent Bradford said his son was experiencing some soreness, but was otherwise resting comfortably in Alabama after a 35-minute surgery. The quarterback, who had sprained the AC joint in his shoulder, was expected to return to Oklahoma within the next day or two.

Report of ex-Viking's death erroneous

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Former Minnesota Vikings strong safety Orlando Thomas is continuing his fight with Lou Gehrig's Disease and has not died, as had been reported, his agent said.

The Vikings said they announced on their Web site that Thomas had died based on information from his alma mater. A few hours after the false report surfaced, the team and the ex-player's agent reported that Thomas, 37, was still alive.

Agent Mark Bartelstein spoke with Thomas' daughter, who confirmed he is alive. Thomas began feeling symptoms of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis in 2004, and the disease was diagnosed in 2007. He's no longer able to speak. He lives in Lafayette, La.

Trivia answer

Toronto's Joe Carter against Philadelphia in 1993.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	12	10	2	0	20	43	26
N.Y. Rangers	13	8	4	1	17	47	36
New Jersey	10	6	4	0	12	27	26
Philadelphia	10	5	4	1	11	33	31
N.Y. Islanders	11	2	4	5	9	25	38

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	9	7	1	1	15	30	17
Ottawa	10	6	2	2	14	34	29
Montreal	12	6	6	0	12	31	38
Boston	10	5	4	1	11	30	32
Toronto	10	1	7	2	4	24	42

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	11	7	2	2	16	41	32
Atlanta	8	4	3	1	9	28	24
Tampa Bay	9	3	3	3	9	24	32
Carolina	11	2	6	3	7	26	39
Florida	10	2	7	1	5	22	39

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	11	7	3	1	15	36	27
Columbus	11	6	5	0	12	34	38
St. Louis	10	5	4	1	11	29	27
Detroit	10	4	4	2	10	30	35
Nashville	11	4	6	1	9	22	36

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	13	10	1	2	22	44	28
Calgary	11	7	3	1	15	43	36
Edmonton	12	6	5	1	13	38	36
Vancouver	12	6	6	0	12	35	33
Minnesota	12	3	9	0	6	26	39

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	13	8	4	1	17	45	40
San Jose	13	8	4	1	17	44	36
Dallas	12	6	2	4	16	41	35
Phoenix	11	7	4	0	14	30	23
Anaheim	10	3	6	1	7	25	37

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's Games

Phoenix 4, Columbus 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
St. Louis 5, Carolina 2
Buffalo 4, New Jersey 1
Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 1
Ottawa 4, Florida 3
Dallas 4, Toronto 3, OT
Nashville 4, Minnesota 3
Colorado 3, Calgary 2
San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1, SO

Today's Games

New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Penguins summary

Montreal	0	0	1	— 1
Pittsburgh	1	3	2	— 6

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Crosby 7 (Guerin, Kunitz), 8:33. Penalties—Cooke, Pit (cross-checking), 13:23; Gill, Mon (delay of game), 19:40.

Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Crosby 8 (Kunitz, Guerin), 5:08. 3, Pittsburgh, Rupp 3 (Adams, Eaton), 12:58. 4, Pittsburgh, Crosby 9 (Kunitz, Orpik), 15:33. Penalties—D'Agostini, Mon (high-sticking), 5:11; Plekanec, Mon (roughing), 18:54; Guerin, Pit (roughing), 18:54.

Third Period—5, Montreal, Plekanec 3 (Gionta, Gomez), 5:39 (pp). 6, Pittsburgh, Goligoski 4 (Malkin, Guerin), 10:50 (pp). 7, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 1 (Bourque, Goligoski), 16:31 (pp). Penalties—Spacek, Mon (high-sticking), 2:41; Eaton, Pit (hooking), 4:17; Fleury, Pit, served by Malkin (delay of game), 5:23; Gill, Mon (delay of game), 10:40; Gorges, Mon (holding), 15:00.

Shots on Goal—Montreal 9-10-5—24. Pittsburgh 8-15-14—37.

Power-play opportunities—Montreal 1 of 3; Pittsburgh 2 of 5.

Goalies—Montreal, Halak 4-2-0 (23 shots-19 saves), Price (0:00 third, 14-12). Pittsburgh, Fleury 9-1-0 (24-23).

A—16,965 (16,940). T—2:27.

Referees—Tom Kowal, Chris Rooney. Linesmen—Derek Amell, Scott Cherrey.

NHL scoring leaders

	GP	G	A	PTS
Anze Kopitar, LA	13	10	11	21
Alex Ovechkin, Was	11	11	8	19
Marian Gaborik, NYR	12	10	8	18
Patrick Marleau, SJ	13	10	7	17
Joe Thornton, SJ	13	3	14	17
Vaclav Prospal, NYR	13	4	12	16
Dustin Penner, Edm	12	8	7	15
Dany Heatley, SJ	13	8	7	15
Rick Nash, Cls	11	6	9	15
Henrik Sedin, Van	12	6	9	15
Ryan Smyth, LA	13	6	9	15
Brad Richards, Dal	10	5	10	15
Nick. Backstrom, Was	11	3	12	15
Sidney Crosby, Pit	12	9	5	14
James Neal, Dal	12	7	7	14

Youth football

Mon Valley Midget League

Playoffs

First Round

Tiny Mites

Norwin 6, Beth-Center 0
Rostraver 26, Monessen 6
Charleroi 14, Yough 6
Frazier 20, Elizabeth Forward 6

Termites

Rostraver 12, Monongahela 6
Monessen 36, California 20
Norwin 16, Frazier 6
Elizabeth Forward 32, South Allegheny 24

Mighty Mites

Frazier 36, Monessen 6
Union-Finley 8, Monongahela 0
Norwin 20, Brownsville 8
Rostraver 28, Donora 0

Midgets

Beth-Center 42, Frazier 0
Rostraver 42, Monessen 30
Yough 12, S'moreland 6
Elizabeth Forward 14, Donora 8

Second Round

Saturday

At Bentworth

Noon - Tiny Mites, Frazier (5) vs Norwin (3)

1 p.m. - Termites, Norwin (3) vs Monessen (2)

2:30 p.m. - Mighty Mites. Union-Finley (3) vs Frazier (2)

4 p.m. - Midgets, Beth-Center (3) vs Rostraver (2)

At Yough

Noon - Tiny Mites, Charleroi (7) vs Rostraver (1)

1 p.m. - Termites, Elizabeth Forward (4) vs Rostraver (1)

2:30 p.m. - Mighty Mites, Norwin (4) vs Rostraver (1)

4 p.m. - Midgets, Elizabeth Forward (4) vs Yough (1)

Vic Hall and Virginia Tech will host North Carolina at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

2:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Viking Classic, golf.

4:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Charles Schwab Cup, golf.

7 p.m. - Fox Sports - Montour at West Allegheny, high school football.

7 p.m. - Versus - California at New York, pro football.

7:30 p.m. - ESPN - North Carolina at Virginia Tech, college football.

8 p.m. - WPGH - Philadelphia at New York Yankees, baseball.

8 p.m. - TNT - San Antonio at Chicago, pro basketball.

9:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Houston at Seattle, pro soccer.

10:30 p.m. - TNT - Denver at Portland, pro basketball.

Radio

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Montour at West Allegheny, high school football.

8 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Philadelphia at New York Yankees, baseball.

Friday

Television

1 a.m. - Golf Channel - Barclays Singapore Open, golf.

World Series

Wednesday

Philadelphia 6, New York 1, Philadelphia leads series 1-0

Today

Philadelphia (Martinez 5-1) at New York (Burnett 13-9), 7:57 p.m.

Saturday

New York (Pettite 14-8) at Philadelphia (Hamels 10-11), 7:57 p.m.

Sunday

New York at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

Monday

x-New York at Philadelphia, 7:57 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

x-Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 5

x-Philadelphia at New York, 7:57 p.m.

World Series boxscore

PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	4	2	1	0	Jeter ss	4	1	3	0
Victorn cf	4	1	1	1	Damon lf	4	0	1	0
Utley 2b	4	2	2	2	Teixeir 1b	4	0	0	0
Howard 1b	5	0	2	1	ARdrgz 3b	4	0	0	0
Werth rf	2	0	1	0	Posada c	4	0	1	0
Ibanez dh	4	0	1	2	HMatsu dh	3	0	1	0
BFrncs lf	3	0	0	0	Cano 2b	3	0	0	0
P.Feliz 3b	4	0	0	0	Swisher rf	3	0	0	0
C.Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	MeCarr cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	9	6	Totals	32	1	6	0

Philadelphia	001	001	022 — 6
New York	000	000	001 — 1

E—Rollins (1). DP—Philadelphia 1, New York 1. LOB—Philadelphia 7, New York 4. 2B—Howard 2 (2), C.Ruiz (1), Jeter (1). HR—Utley 2 (2). SB—Rollins (1).

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cl.Lee W,1-0	9	6	1	0	0	10
New York						
Sabathia L,0-1	7	4	2	2	3	6
P.Hughes	0	0	2	2	2	0
D.Marte	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
D.Robertson	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Bruney	1-3	3	2	2	0	0
Coke	2-3	1	0	0	0	0

P.Hughes pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

Umpires—Home, Gerry Davis; First, Jeff Nelson; Second, Brian Gorman; Third, Mike Everitt; Right, Joe West; Left, Dana DeMuth.

T—3:27. A—50,207 (52,325).

PSAC football standings

West Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
California	6	0	7	2
Edinboro	5	1	7	2
Clarion	5	1	6	3
Mercyhurst	3	3	4	5
Slippery Rock	2	4	5	4
Gannon	2	4	4	5
Indiana	1	5	4	5
Lock Haven	0	6	0	8

East Division

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Shippensburg	5	1	7	2
Bloomsburg	5	1	8	1
West Chester	4	2	5	4
C.W. Post	4	2	4	5
East Stroudsburg	3	3	6	3
Millersville	2	4	3	6
Kutztown	1	5	3	6
Cheyney	0	6	0	9

Saturday

Noon - Kutztown at C.W. Post

1 p.m. - Bloomsburg at West Chester; Millersville at East Stroudsburg; Gannon at Indiana; Clarion at Edinboro; Shippensburg at Cheyney; Slippery Rock at Lock Haven.

3:30 p.m. - Mercyhurst at California.

Soccer playoffs

Boys

Class AAA

Quarterfinals

Today

At North Allegheny

7:45 p.m. - Upper St. Clair (16-2-1) vs Fox Chapel (18-0-1)

Saturday

At Mt. Lebanon

5 p.m. - Shaler (9-5-3) at Mt. Lebanon (16-1-1)

At North Allegheny

4 p.m. - Pine-Richland (11-4-2) vs Norwin (14-4-1)

At Chartiers Valley

3 p.m. - Peters Township (14-2-1) vs Bethel Park (15-3-1)

Class AA

Quarterfinals

Today

At Chartiers Valley

7:45 p.m. - West Allegheny (17-1-1) vs Center (14-4-0)

Saturday

At Mt. Lebanon

3 p.m. - Mars (18-1) vs Southmoreland (14-3-1)

At North Hills

2 p.m. - Hampton (14-3) vs South Park (17-2)

4p.m. - Beaver (12-5) vs Chartiers Valley (11-5-2)

Class A

Quarterfinals

Today

At Quaker Valley

7:45 p.m. - Seton-Lasalle (13-6) vs Quaker Valley (15-3)

At North Allegheny

6 p.m. - Trinity Christian (12-7) vs Grb. Central (15-4)

At Mars

7:45 p.m. - Sewickley Academy (11-6-2) vs Springdale (13-1-3)

Saturday

At North Allegheny

Noon - Freedom (14-2-1) vs Canevin (13-6)

Girls

Class AAA

Quarterfinals

Saturday

At North Allegheny

2 p.m. - Moon (17-0-1) vs Norwin (15-3-1)

At Chartiers Valley

1 p.m. - Peters Township (16-1-2) vs Mt. Lebanon (14-3-1)

5 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (15-5) vs Penn-Trafford (15-3-1)

At Mt. Lebanon

1 p.m. - Southmoreland (14-1-2) vs Seneca Valley (18-0-1).

Class AA

Quarterfinals

Today

At Quaker Valley

6 p.m. - Beaver (15-1) vs Quaker Valley (10-6-2)

At Chartiers Valley

6 p.m. - Center (15-2-1) vs Mt. Pleasant (16-4)

At Mars

6 p.m. - Sewickley Academy (15-3-1) vs Springdale (15-1-2)

Saturday

At North Hills

Noon - South Park (16-1-2) vs Shady Side Academy (14-3-1)

High school football

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
T. Jefferson	5	0	8	0
Chartiers Valley	5	1	7	1
West Mifflin	2	3	5	3
BV Area	2	3	4	4
Trinity	2	3	3	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	4	4	4
Ringgold	1	4	3	5

Friday

Elizabeth Forward at BV Area
Ringgold at Trinity
T. Jefferson at West Mifflin
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	5	0	7	1
Uniontown	4	1	5	3
Laurel Highlands	3	2	3	5
Derry	3	2	3	5
Albert Gallatin	2	4	3	5
Yough	1	4	1	7
S'moreland	0	5	0	8

Friday

Southmoreland at Yough
L. Highland at Uniontown
Derry at Greensburg Salem
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	8	0	8	0
McGuffey	6	2	6	2
Washington	6	2	6	2
Greensburg Central	6	2	6	2
Charleroi	5	3	5	3
Jeannette	5	3	5	3
Waynesburg	2	6	2	6
Brownsville	1	7	1	7
South Allegheny	0	8	0	8
East Allegheny	1	7	1	7

Friday

Mt. Pleasant at Charleroi
Brownsville at Waynesburg
Washington at McGuffey
E. Allegheny at S. Allegheny
Greensburg C.C. at Jeannette

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	6	0	6	2
Beth-Center	5	1	6	2
Jefferson-Morgan	4	2	6	2
California	3	3	4	4
Carmichaels	3	3	3	5
Geibel	2	4	3	5
Mapletown	1	5	1	7
West Greene	0	6	0	8

Friday

California at Monessen
Carmichaels at West Greene
Mapletown at Jeff-Morgan

Saturday

Beth-Center at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Friday

Bentworth at Frazier
Serra at Clairton
Avella at Burgettstown
Fort Cherry at Char-Houston

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	2	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	1/2
New Jersey	1	1	.000	1 1/2
New York	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	1	0	1.000	—
Orlando	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	0	.000	1/2
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	1/2
Indiana	0	1	.000	1
Cleveland	0	2	.000	1 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	1	1	.500	1/2
Dallas	0	1	.000	1
Memphis	0	1	.000	1
New Orleans	0	1	.000	1

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Oklahoma City	1	0	1.000	—
Portland	1	0	1.000	—
Utah	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	—
Golden State	0	1	.000	1
Sacramento	0	1	.000	1
L.A. Clippers	0	2	.000	1 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 120, Indiana 109
Orlando 120, Philadelphia 106
Toronto 101, Cleveland 91
Boston 92, Charlotte 59
Miami 115, New York 93
Detroit 96, Memphis 74
Minnesota 95, New Jersey 93
San Antonio 113, New Orleans 96
Oklahoma City 102, Sacramento 89
Denver 114, Utah 105
Phoenix 109, L.A. Clippers 107
Houston 108, Golden State 107

Today's Games

San Antonio at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Randy St. Claire pitching coach.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Dan Migala vice president, partnership solutions.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ORLANDO MAGIC—Waived F Linton Johnson III.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Exercised the option on G George Hill's contract for next season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed TE Jason Peclask to the practice squad. Released defensive tackle Rashaad Duncan from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed WR Darnell Jenkins to the practice squad. Released RB Cedric Peerman from the practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Suspended RB Larry Johnson for one game for conduct detrimental to the club.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed CB Tarell Brown to a three-year contract extension and OT Chris Patrick. Signed TE Carson Butler to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed OT Walter Jones on injured reserve.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed FB Chris Pressley from Cincinnati's practice squad. Signed DE Maurice Evans to the practice squad.

GOLF

LPGA TOUR—Named Michael Whan commissioner.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS—Signed LW Kyle Calder to a one-year contract. Assigned LW Bobby Bolt to Muskegon (IHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned D Mathieu Roy to Syracuse (AHL).

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled G Cory Schneider from Manitoba (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned LW Alexandre Giroux to Hershey (AHL).

COLLEGE

ARMY—Named Nadia Staubitz assistant swimming and diving coach.

EAST CAROLINA—Named John Ashaolu director of men's basketball operations.

LA SALLE—Named Natasha Fuchs assistant lacrosse coach.

MICHIGAN—Dismissed CB Boubacar Cissoko from the football team for a violation of team rules.

STANFORD—Suspended sophomore G Jeremy Green indefinitely from the basketball team for a violation of team rules.

UCF—Named Nicole Trimboli assistant softball coach.

Big East football

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Pittsburgh	3	0	6	1
Cincinnati	2	0	6	0
West Virginia	1	0	5	1
USF	1	1	5	1
Connecticut	1	1	4	2
Rutgers	0	2	5	2
Louisville	0	2	2	4
Syracuse	0	2	2	4

Friday

West Virginia at South Florida, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday

Cincinnati at Syracuse, noon (ESPNU)

Rutgers at Connecticut, noon

Arkansas State at Louisville, noon

MLS playoffs

Today

Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Saturday

Columbus at Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.

Chicago at New England, 4 p.m.

Sunday

Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 5 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: North Carolina is 3-1-1 vs. the spread its last 5 games as a road underdog of 10 1/2 points or more. The Tar Heels are also 5-2-1 vs. the spread the last 8 games following a bye week and 8-3 vs. the spread their last 11 games following a loss against the spread. Virginia Tech is 1-6 vs. the spread its last 7 games in the month of October. The Hokies have gone just 4-9 vs. the spread their last 13 games as the betting favorite. Take North Carolina +16 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Nov 1		
Week Eight		
BALTIMORE	3 1/2	(41) Denver
CHICAGO	13	(40) Cleve.
Houston	3	(41) BUFFALO
GREEN BAY	3	(47) Minnesota
INDIANA.	12	(44) San Fran
NY JETS	3	(40) Miami
DETROIT	3 1/2	(43) St. Louis
DALLAS	9 1/2	(45) Seattle
SAN DIEGO	17	(43) Oakland
TENNESSEE	3	(44) J'ville
ARIZONA	10	(43) Carolina
PHILA	1	(44) NY Giants
Monday, Nov 2		
N. ORLEANS	10	(54) Atlanta

Bye Week: Cincinnati, Kansas City, New England, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, and Washington.

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
VA TECH	16 1/2	N. Carolina
Friday, Oct 30		
W. Virginia	3	S. FLORIDA
Saturday, Oct 31		
CONN.	7 1/2	Rutgers
Cincinnati	14 1/2	SYRACUSE
BOS. COLL.	5	C. Michigan
Ohio	6	BALL ST
VIRGINIA	7	Duke
IOWA	17 1/2	Indiana
WISCONSIN	6 1/2	Purdue
Miami-Florida	7	WAKE FOREST
FLORIDA ST	9 1/2	NC State
N. ILLINOIS	12	Akron
OHIO ST	44	New Mexico St
Ga Tech	12 1/2	VANDERBILT
TEXAS A&M	7	Iowa St
Mississippi	3 1/2	AUBURN
ARKANSAS	38	E. Michigan
KENT ST	1	W. Michigan
Nebraska	12 1/2	BAYLOR
TULSA	16 1/2	Smu
TEX.EL PASO	6 1/2	Ala-Birm.
BOISE ST	35	San Jose St
a-FLORIDA	15 1/2	Georgia
Toledo	4 1/2	MIAMI-OHIO
OREGON ST	9	Ucla
NAVY	7	Temple
California	7	ARIZONA ST
Michigan	7	ILLINOIS
Missouri	3 1/2	COLORADO
OKLAHOMA	28	Kansas St
Texas	9	OKLAHOMA ST
NEVADA	24 1/2	Hawaii
TCU	35	Univ
Air Force	3 1/2	COLORADO ST
Penn St	15 1/2	N'WESTERN
IDAHO	3	Louisiana Tech
FRESNO ST	17	Utah St
KENTUCKY	3 1/2	Mississippi St
TEXAS TECH	7	Kansas
S. DIEGO ST	16	New Mexico
b-N. Dame	28	Washington St
TESSESEE	6	S. Carolina
Southern Cal	3 1/2	OREGON
HOUSTON	6 1/2	Southern Miss
UTAH	17	Wyoming
LSU	35 1/2	Tulane
Michigan St	3 1/2	MINNESOTA
LOUISVILLE	4	Arkansas St
FLA INTER.	3 1/2	UL-Lafayette
N. TEXAS	11	W. Kentucky
FLORIDA ATL	2	Middle Tenn St
TROY	16 1/2	UL-Monroe
Sunday, Nov 1		
C. FLORIDA	5	Marshall

a-at Jacksonville, FL.
b-at San Antonio, TX.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Wednesday, Oct 28		
World Series		
Game One		
NY YANKEES	No Line	Philadelphia

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
San Antonio	3 1/2	CHICAGO
PORTLAND	7	Denver

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
BOSTON	Even-1/2	New Jersey
Washington	1/2-1	ATLANTA
TAMPA BAY	Even-1/2	Ottawa
ST. LOUIS	Even-1/2	Phoenix
Chicago	1/2-1	NASHVILLE
Detroit	Even-1/2	EDMON.
L. ANGELES	Even-1/2	Vancouver

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	198	98
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	152	104
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	113	138
Miami	2	4	0	.333	146	152

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	0	0	1.000	179	77
Houston	4	3	0	.571	167	158
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	163	128
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	167	129
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	6	0	.143	72	179

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	161	143
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	62	177
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	105	181

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	195	143
Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	163	116
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	159	119
Washington	2	5	0	.286	96	123

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	0	0	1.000	238	127
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	144	114
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	94	145
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	.000	96	203

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	206	148
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	161	96
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	129	144
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	136	109
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	133	122
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	7	0	.000	60	211

Sunday, Nov. 1

St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Open: New England, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Tampa Bay

Monday, Nov. 2

Atlanta at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Johnson suspended by Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs running back Larry Johnson, who made two gay slurs within a 24-hour period, was given what amounts to a one-game suspension Wednesday night, but Johnson's agent said he would appeal.

Agent Peter Schaffer said the game check and other lost revenue would amount to about a penalty of about $600,000 for the former two-time Pro Bowl player.

In a three-sentence release, the Chiefs said Johnson would be suspended until Monday, Nov. 9 for conduct detrimental to the team. The Chiefs are on their bye week and will not play again until traveling to Jacksonville on Nov. 8.

The Chiefs had been saying for three days that they were "investigating" the situation. Johnson was told to stay away from the team on Tuesday.

Penguins (FROM PAGE ONE)

champions rebounded from a loss to New Jersey on Saturday night that snapped their seven-game winning streak.

Montreal's Jaroslav Halak stopped 19 of 23 shots before he was pulled after the second period.

Crosby extended his point streak to five games, completing a hat trick during the first 36 minutes, giving him nine goals in October for the first time in his career. Last season, Crosby's ninth goal came a full month later on Nov. 28.

Crosby has averaged roughly twice as many assists as goals over the course of his career but is on a pace for 62 this season.

"He can score," said linemate Guerin, who has 411 career goals. "He usually has a pass-first mentality, but with the positions that he put himself in during the game, he can score a lot of goals."

Crosby's third hat trick came three years to the day after his first, and all three of his goals Wednesday came at even strength. He scored 8:33 into the contest when he one-timed a slap shot off a pass from Guerin between the glove and left pad of Halak, who was diving to his left.

"We made mistakes," said Montreal defenseman Hal Gill, who won the Cup with the Penguins in June. "We had some turnovers and (Crosby) feeds off that. He waits for it and that's when he capitalizes."

Crosby made it 2-0 5 minutes into the second when he corralled the rebound

SPORTS

Steelers get free agent value

Fox, Hartwig and Moore are among the bargains the team has found.

By SCOTT BROWN
For The Valley Independent

Chaz Palla/For The Valley Independent

Mewelde Moore, who the Steelers signed as a free agent in 2008, has been a valuable addition to the running back corps.

He broke down the 82-yard run for reporters, one that resulted in his first touchdown since high school. He accepted a congratulatory handshake from Pittsburgh Steelers' president Art Rooney II.

Linebacker Keyaron Fox, the man of the moment last Sunday afternoon, showed why he is such a valuable Steelers reserve in their 27-17 win over the Minnesota Vikings.

In a larger sense, Fox serves as an affirmation of the Steelers' team-building philosophy.

In the spring of 2008, the Steelers stayed out of the annual shopping spree that commences at the start of the free-agent signing period. Instead of targeting big-ticket free agents, they quietly signed Fox, center Justin Hartwig and running back Mewelde Moore.

To say the Steelers have gotten their money's worth — they spent less than $10 million total on the three players — would be an understatement.

Hartwig has proven to be a major upgrade over Sean Mahan at center, Moore is one of the top third-down backs in the NFL, and Fox is a significant presence on special teams as well as on the Steelers' goal-line defense.

"I say it all the time about our scouting department: They're the best in the business," inside linebacker James Farrior said.

Farrior signed with the Steelers in 2002, but he is an exception to the team's philosophy of adding complementary players — as opposed to marquee ones — through free agency.

"They stay true to the draft and allow their players to develop so they really don't need to do much in free agency," said former Washington Redskins general manager Charlie Casserly, now an NFL analyst for CBS. "Their free agency is signing their own players. In a perfect world, the core of your team is your draft choices, and then you supplement it with free agency."

The Steelers did that adroitly in 2008, particularly when they unearthed gems in Moore and Fox.

Moore had become expendable in Minnesota — Adrian Peterson and Chester Taylor were ahead of him in a crowded backfield — and the Steelers were able to snap up a player that has become a major asset in their passing game.

"He's one of the best players we've got," Farrior said of Moore. "The guy moves the chains."

The Steelers announced Moore's signing March, 3 2008 — the day they officially signed quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to a new eight-year contract.

If the Moore signing slipped under the radar, so did the acquisition of Fox, who never got much of an opportunity in Kansas City because of injuries and the Chiefs' selection of Derrick Johnson in the 2005 first round.

Fox's role with the Steelers has gradually increased.

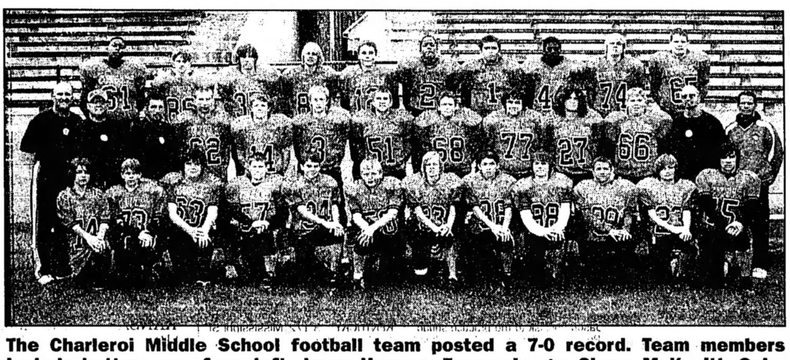
Fox and Farrior stopped Peterson short of the end zone last Sunday, setting the stage on a key goal-line stand by the Steelers. Playing for the injured Lawrence Timmons near the end of the game, Fox returned an interception for the touchdown that sealed the Steelers' victory.

That play came despite Fox not practicing much recently in the team's dime defense.

"I was a little bit rusty at first," Fox said, "but it all came back."

The same can be said of the return the Steelers keep getting from their 2008 free-agent signings.

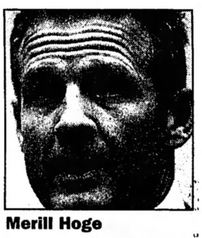
Perfect season for Charleroi



The Charleroi Middle School football team posted a 7-0 record. Team members include bottom row, from left, Jesse Hannen, Tanner Large, Chase McKevitt, Gabe Cannoni, Blake Carmello, Keenan Griffith, Curtis Lessman, Dylan Axton, Gregory Arnold,Matt Carr and Brennan Matthews; middle row, from left, assistant coaches David Young, Bryan Shepherd and Wayne Axton, Matt Vargo, Robert Lynn, Bryan Dunseath, Zach Blystone, Zach Billie, Sam Scagline, Matt Morgan, Chad Waggoner, assistant coach Rich Matthews and coach Tom Thorpe; and top row, from left, Alec Long, Tyler Large, Mason Householder, Adam Melenyzer, David Young, Eric Johnson, Brandon Bowman, Dakota Moorer, Brayden Shepherd and Mitchell McCrobie. Missing from the picture are Brandon Crow and assistant coach Ryan Rehula.

Goodell defends concussion policy

NFL commissioner testifies before Congressional panel.



Merill Hoge

WASHINGTON (AP) — After testifying for several hours on Capitol Hill and defending how the NFL handles current and retired players with head injuries, commissioner Roger Goodell recalled suffering a concussion himself in high school.

Goodell said outside the House Judiciary Committee hearing room Wednesday that he was injured sliding into second base in a baseball game.

"I saw a doctor, but it was briefly, and I don't recall missing any time," he said, contrasting it with how athletes are treated today.

"There's been a cultural change in all the sports," Goodell said. "But in particular, I'm responsible for the NFL, and there's been a significant cultural change in the seriousness of these injuries, and how to treat them. And the fact is, they should be treated on a very conservative, careful basis."

But when Goodell delivered that message at the packed, daylong hearing, several lawmakers challenged him to acknowledge a connection between head injuries on the football field and later brain diseases, which he did not.

Committee chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., asked Goodell whether he thinks such a link exists. Goodell responded the NFL isn't waiting for that debate to play out and is taking steps to make the game safer.

"I just asked you a simple question. What is the answer?" persisted Conyers.

Goodell replied by saying a medical expert could give a better answer than he could. But some House members complained later that Dr. Ira Casson, chairman of the NFL's committee on concussions, had not testified.

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., gave Casson some exposure anyway, playing a clip of a TV interview in which he denied evidence of a link between multiple head injuries in NFL players with brain disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer's.

Goodell testified alongside new NFL Players Association leader DeMaurice Smith, who said the union has not done its best in this area. We will do better." Both men did agree to turn over players' medical records to the committee.

Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., whose husband played in the NFL, asked Goodell how the league was addressing the welfare of retired players during current collective bargaining negotiations.

Goodell said it's a "priority for the owners and players to take better care of our retired players," but Waters cut him off, demanding specifics.

"We've heard from the NFL time and time again — you're always 'studying,' you're always 'trying,' you're 'hopeful,'" Waters said, pointing a finger in Goodell's direction. "I want to know what are you doing ... to deal with this problem and other problems related to injuries?"

When Goodell said talks between owners and players are in the early stages, Waters said it's time "for Congress to take a look at your antitrust exemption" and that she thinks it should be removed.

A 1961 law grants professional sports leagues antitrust exemption for broadcasting. That has allowed the NFL to sign TV contracts totaling billions of dollars on behalf of all its teams, helping transform the league into the economic powerhouse it is today.

When Waters was done grilling Goodell, she walked to the back of the hearing room and greeted Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown with a hug. Other former NFL stars present included Willie Wood, who sat in his wheelchair a few rows behind the witness table.

Several retired players testified at the hearing, including former fullback Merril Hoge, who said a series of concussions cost him his career.

Pitt facing tough finish

Notre Dame, West Virginia, Cincinnati remain on schedule.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Pitt's season will play out with season-ending games against Notre Dame, West Virginia and Cincinnati, three ranked opponents in a month's time for a team that hasn't played a Top 25 team since last season's Sun Bowl.

The difficult stretch will tell coach Dave Wannstedt's No. 16 Panthers if they are Big East championship-worthy and ready to play in a BCS bowl, or if their 7-1 start can be credited to a favorable schedule.

The No. 25 Fighting Irish, No. 20 Mountaineers and No. 5 Bearcats represent as many ranked teams as Pitt has played in the last two seasons combined, and that includes the Sun Bowl against Oregon State. Pitt (4-0 in Big East) has never played better during Wannstedt's five seasons, but they've never been tested like they soon will be.

Are they ready? They think so. First, there's a Big East game against Syracuse (3-4, 0-2) on Nov. 7, one Wannstedt insists the Panthers can't overlook. Last season, the Orange upset Notre Dame a week before the Irish played Southern Cal.

"Syracuse is a conference game, and it is a priority," Wannstedt said. "We used to talk in the NFL that, until this point, it's all talk whether you're a contender or a pretender. I think our guys now should get a taste that we could be a contender."

Pitt doesn't have to travel far to finish the season. Syracuse, Notre Dame and Cincinnati play at Heinz Field, and the only remaining trip is the 75-mile jaunt to Morgantown. The Panthers don't have to get on a plane again until their bowl game.

While his team is mostly staying at home, Wannstedt took advantage of the Panthers' off week to spend some time recruiting.

The Panthers' climb the last two seasons — they're 16-5 since the start of the 2008 season — is largely the result of their recruiting success in Pennsylvania and its neighboring states. Wannstedt doesn't want that slipping while he's taking care of on-field matters.

While Pitt was the preseason choice in the Big East, it was difficult to envision in August that the Panthers would be so strong at quarterback and running back, the two primary positions of worry before the season began.

Bill Stull, so shaky at the end of last season that he threw for only 52 yards in the Sun Bowl, has been one of college football's most improved players. He has thrown 16 touchdown passes and four interceptions, a major upgrade over last season's nine touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

Running back Dion Lewis also has been a major surprise, rushing for 1,029 yards and 11 touchdowns only a year after he was finishing his high school career in New Jersey. He's been so consistent with five 100-yard games that the Panthers haven't missed former star LeSean McCoy nearly as much as they thought they would. McCoy left for the NFL after two seasons and has been an impressive rookie with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Connecticut will honor Howard

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut is planning a number of tributes at Rentschler Field during the Huskies' first home game since the stabbing death of cornerback Jasper Howard.

Connecticut (4-3, 1-2) will host Rutgers (5-2, 0-2) Saturday at noon.

The school, which normally bans signs from the stadium, is doing away with that rule in anticipation of numerous tribute banners.

Connecticut's players plan to wear shirts with Howard's No. 6 on them during their traditional "Husky Walk" on a route lined with fans from their busses to the locker room.

There will be a moment of silence before the game and a video tribute to Howard at the game.

Fans will each receive a card with a "6" on it, and the first 15,000 fans who enter the gates will receive wristbands that read "Jazz, Live 365." Jazz was Howard's nickname.

The marching band plans to come onto the field wearing No. 6 jerseys and will display the formation of a "6" in the word "UCONN" during its pregame program.

Students who attend the game will receive a No. 6 button and eye-black stickers that are also being worn by the players — one with Howard's number and the other with his initials. UConn players will continue to wear a helmet sticker with Howard's initials and bring his jersey and helmet to each contest this season.

FEATURES

Custom costumes provide individual Halloween looks

Some home-made outfits are not only creative, but cheaper than store-bought masquerades.

For The Valley Independent

For years, Kris Praskovich, of Banksville, has refused to buy Halloween costumes for her kids, opting instead for making the costumes herself.

"I could never find anything, and what I could find, I didn't want to pay for because it wasn't worth it," says Praskovich, 45. "I thought I could do something much better."

Over the years, her costumes for her children - Mallory, now 20, Ryan, 16, and Drew, 12 - have included everything from Elvis to a brain, a fire engine, Art Rooney, and even the Stinky Cheese Man. Praskovich - who draws out sketches for the fabric, and uses a sewing machine to create the costumes - says she looks forward to grandchildren, so she can do it all over again.

"It definitely is a huge outlet for me," says Praskovich, a graphic designer.

This time of year, finding a Halloween costume is a cinch. Even if you have no idea what you want to be, you'll easily find dozens to choose from at stores. But many creative people, like Praskovich, prefer to use their imaginations and skills, and create their own outfits.

Pam Coleman, 60, of Allegheny Township, started sewing costumes for her sons - Thomas and Todd - when they were little, along

These firefighter costumes were designed by Kris Praskovich, of Banksville.

ones for with her nieces and nephews. The costumes have included Big Bird and Snoopy, along with pairs like fries and a milkshake, E.T. and Reese's Pieces, and a Republican Elephant and Democrat Donkey.

This year, Coleman is making five costumes - for a son, his wife, and three grandkids - to form a BLT sandwich: two pieces of bread, bacon, lettuce and a tomato. Her costumes are popular: her kids regularly won in neighborhood Halloween costume parades, she says.

"I feel such pride; my kids were always a winner," Coleman says. "I just enjoy making their costumes. I really do,"

Debbie Kutschbach, 55, of Brighton Heights, reminisces about the time she made a mummy costume for her grandson, Blayze, 7. She sewed gauze onto a white shirt, and wrapped gauze around the rest of his body. Her husband, Fred, made a coffin out of a cardboard box. The couple rolled Blayze, lying in the coffin, around on a dolly.

"Why go out and purchase something that everybody else has?" Kutschbach says. "You want to be different."

Roberta Beaudway, 74, of Arona, Westmoreland County, once made her son, Scott, a lizard costume when he was about 12. Scott loved the funky outfit so much that he wore it for a few Halloweens after that.

"He kind of looked like a cross between a dinosaur and a lizard," Beaudway says, laughing. "It was so much fun to make the costume. It was hilarious."

Two years ago, Roseanne Tronka of New Kensington made a railroad-crossing costume for her son, Jesse, 12. She has made many interesting costumes for him and her other son, Travis, 11, over the years: a cardboard haunted house, a washing machine, and even a used-car lot, depicted with toy cars attached to a black sweat suit.

"They are something different," Tronka, 52, says of the costumes. "The princesses and Power Rangers ... they lack imagination."

Her costumes, Tronka says, are "not another one of those packaged boring things."

Beverly Lewandowski, 51, of Greensburg, loves making her daughter - Rachel, 6 - princess Halloween costumes, using Simplicity patterns. Once, when she bought a costume for Rachel, it fell apart during trick-or-treating.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: F equals W

"W A F W K C V G W B T O C D - O W D G
H G O C T M S M B K M E O C G A B , T S C D G W I
M B W C G R M S I - O W D G H G O C T M S M B
G M U G V M I K A G C G . " - Y E I K P W O A W S I

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A grove of giant redwoods or sequoias should be kept just as we keep a great or beautiful cathedral." - Theodore Roosevelt

Donora church plans 'Childfest' celebration

The Child Evangelism Department of the Whole Truth Church of God in Christ, 1004 McKean Ave., Donora, will sponsor its annual Childfest celebration 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

The theme of the festive celebration is "God's Kidz Obey Rules" as supported by scripture reference Exodus 20:3-17.

Youth of the church ages 5 through 13 will participate in songs, skits, cheers, and other fun activities.

Participants include: Raionna Bradley, Anniyah Redwood, Kameron Watson, Kenyonna Watson, Skylar Thompson, Sydney Simms, Ariayana Bonam, Josh Wade, Anthony Giles, Zion Brownlee, Isis Wade, and Elijah Foxx. Alumni participants include: Angel Redwood and Elecia Smith.

Whole Truth began its celebration of Childfest many years ago as an alternative to Halloween. It has been successful over the years, as children, youth and adults from many churches attend.

The Child Evangelism department is responsible for teaching the children biblical principles, arts and crafts, and fine arts.

Children's church, conducted the first and third Sunday of each month, is also a ministry of the Child Evangelism department.

Treats will be distributed, and there will be a balloon release at the end of the service.

Responses from the balloon releases have come from as far as eastern Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The Child Evangelism committee members include: Cher Redwood, Tamica Giles, Marsha A. Foxx, Doris P. Wade and Dorothy Thompson.

Other Whole Truth members assist.

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If so, we would like to hear from you. Your friend could be featured in Valley Exports.

To submit a name, call Joe Abramowitz at (724) 684-2634.

CALENDAR WATCH

Friday

■ Craft show, Bentleyville United Methodist Church, 712 Main St., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Halloween Happening, (tarot, angel, fairy readings, psychic, palm reader) Monongahela Area Historical Society, 230 W. Main St., 6 to 10 p.m.

■ Halloween dance, Sons of Italy, Perryopolis, 8 p.m. to midnight.

■ Donora High School Class of 1952 luncheon, Paolo's Restaurant, Charleroi, 1:15 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Al-Anon meeting, United Methodist Church, Belle Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Dementia program planned Monday

Karen Sweeney-Ryall, who has been with the Alzheimer's Association for seven years, will present The Gift of Presence, tips for having meaningful visits with persons with dementia, 2 p.m. Monday at the Westmoreland Manor Multipurpose Room. Interested area residents can learn how to make visits more meaningful or become a volunteer.

Reservations can be made by calling (724) 830-4022.

Book signing set in California

The California Public Library will host a book signing by local history author Dr. J. K. Folmar 7 p.m. Tuesday. Folmar will autograph his book "California, Pa. 1849-1881: The History of a Boat Building Town." Twenty percent of sales will be donated to the library. A retired emeritus professor of history, California University, Folmar is president of the Monongahela River Buffs and edits its publication The Voice of the Mon.

Soup, sandwich, bake sale listed

The Newell United Methodist Church will hold a soup, sandwich and bake sale 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Vegetable, chicken noodle and bean soups, hot dogs with sauerkraut, hamburgers, beverages, pie and cake will be sold.

Church planning luncheon, sale

A luncheon will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary Church, Sixth Street and Lookout Avenue, Charleroi. A variety of soups and baked goods will be sold. Soup takeouts will be available.

Speers Civic Club to host lunch, sale

The Speers Civic Club will hold a lunch and bake sale 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the borough building.

Methodist Church plans flea market

A flea market, lunch and bake sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Marianna Methodist Church, 202 Second St., Marianna Borough.

Pre-school program listed

The Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a pre-school program for 3-5 year olds Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mingo Creek Park office.

Sessions will be available each day from 10 to 11:15 a.m. or 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Pre-schoolers will be "talkin' turkey" and learning hands-on about the feathered friend.

A Native American game will be played and a pine cone turkey craft will be made.

Class size is limited.

Pre-registration is required by calling (724) 228-6867.

Monessen Band parents to meet

The Monessen Band Parents will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school band room.

Pastor to mark 50th anniversary

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church will honor the Very Rev. Igor R. Soroka Nov. 8.

Soroka is celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination and his 50th year as pastor of St. Nicholas parish.

A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy/Thanksgiving Service will be served 9:30 a.m. Nov. 8 at St. Nicholas.

Later that day, a banquet will be held in Soroka's honor at the Willow Room in Rostraver Township.

The banquet will commence with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m., followed by dinner and program starting at 6 p.m.

For information, call (724) 379-4232 before Oct. 31.

Local food drive is extended

The Belle Vernon Chiropractic Center will extend its food drive in support of the Westmoreland Food Bank to Nov. 14.

The goal is to fill a 45-foot trailer with non-perishable items.

Monetary donations are being accepted as well as on-line donations at www.westmorelandfoodbank.org/goto/bvcc.

For information about collection sites, call (724) 929-6100.

Goldenagers plan several trips

The bus for the Charleroi Area Goldenagers' Nov. 11 trip to see the Ten Tenors "Men in Black" Christmas show at Westminster College will depart at 1 p.m.

Final payments are due for the Dec. 2 Lee Greenwood County Christmas at the Palace Theater in Greensburg.

Seats are now available for an April 27 and 28, 2010, trip to Lancaster to see Joseph. Call Sam or Ruth at (724) 489-9486.

Fayette City parade Saturday

Fayette City's Halloween parade will be held 1 p.m. Saturday. Trick-or-treating will follow from 2 to 5 p.m.

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COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite

WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING UP?
THE SAME THING YOU ARE.
I HAD TO TIPTOE IN HERE AND TAKE CARE OF THE MINI "MILKY WAYS"...
THEN I HEARD THE SNACK-SIZED "SNICKERS" CALLING TO ME...
THEN I HAD TO GET THE TEENSY "TOOTSIE ROLLS" TUCKED IN...
THAT IS NOT WHY I...
THERE, THERE. I UNDERSTAND.
NO WOMAN CAN REST WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY LITTLE ONES IN THE HOUSE.

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

DOLORES, IN CASE THAT MONSTER TRIES TO EAT US...
YES, DIRK?
WELL...I JUST WANTED TO SAY...
YES, MY DARLING?...
I'VE ALWAYS FOUND YOU VERY TASTY!!
I THINK THEY CAN CANCEL THE CATERER
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ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson

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GOOD MORNING..WE'RE HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE "GREAT PUMPKIN."
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SLAM!
WHEN THEY WON'T LISTEN, WE OBEY THE BIBLICAL INJUNCTION..WE SHAKE THE DUST FROM OUR SHOES, AND GO TO THE NEXT HOUSE..
DUSTY CROSS-TRAINERS..

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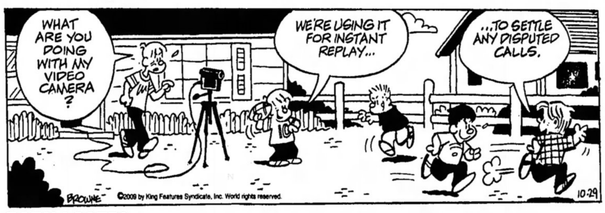
HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne



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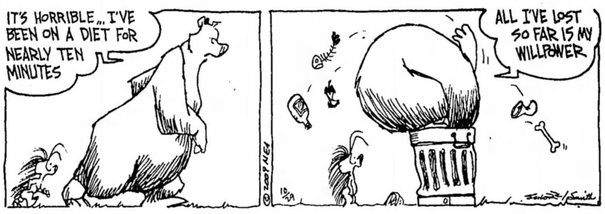
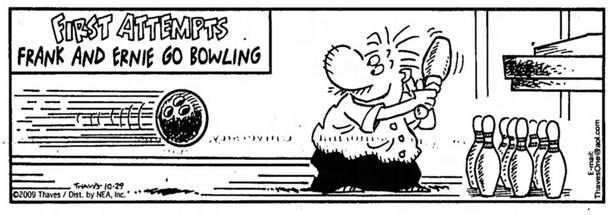


BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom

YOU HAVE TO STAND UP TO BULLIES, WHICH MEANS YOU NEED TO START BUILDING YOUR BODY
TAKE IT FROM ME, SON—I WAS ONCE A NINETY-EIGHT-POUND WEAKLING, AND LOOK AT ME NOW!
A TWO HUNDRED-FIFTY-POUND WEAKLING?

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves



BLONDIE® by Young and Marshall

MARLENE, BUMSTEAD'S NOT ANSWERING HIS PHONE! IS HE AT HIS DESK?!
YES, MR. DITHERS, HE'S PRESENTLY SITTING IN HIS CHAIR
I'M SURE HE APPRECIATES YOU COVERING FOR HIM, BUT THAT WAS A PRETTY FLIMSY ANSWER
YESSIR, I'LL WAKE HIM UP RIGHT NOW!
SKNXXX-X

SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski

ANDREW, WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING A COSTUME FOR THE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADE??
I AM WEARING ONE, BUCKY...I'M DRESSED AS YOU...
I'M GOING AS MY OWN BEST FRIEND!

KIT'N' CARLYLE® by Larry Wright

kitncarlyle@comcast.net
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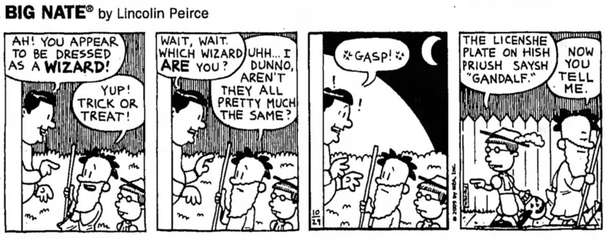
AH! YOU APPEAR TO BE DRESSED AS A WIZARD!
YUP! TRICK OR TREAT!
WAIT, WAIT. WHICH WIZARD ARE YOU?
UHH...I DUNNO, AREN'T THEY ALL PRETTY MUCH THE SAME?
GASP!
THE LICENSHE PLATE ON HISH PRIUSH SAYSH "GANDALF."
NOW YOU TELL ME.

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

RUSTY'S INQUISITIVE LITTLE DOG, SASSY, IS AWAKENED BY ALL OF THE STRANGE SWAMP NOISES...
AND SHE WANDERS AWAY FROM CAMP TO INVESTIGATE
YAICK ELROD

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/29

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Answer to previous puzzle

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6	5	9	3	4	2	8	1	7
3	1	4	5	7	8	6	9	2
1	4	6	9	2	5	3	7	8
7	9	5	8	1	3	2	6	4
2	3	8	4	6	7	1	5	9

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/28

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ACROSS

1 Take off after
6 Executive rejection
10 Soft hue
12 Time of the mammals
14 Unit of current
15 In nothing flat
16 Hip (2 wds.)
18 Favorite —
19 Clamp
21 More than passed
23 Old cloth
24 Floor covering
26 Warrior princess
29 Every
30 Where the lion roars
32 Orpheus' instrument
34 Mahogany or teak
36 Stein filler
37 Diamond —
38 Pathway for motor vehicles
40 Bratty kid
42 Big lug
43 Young Lennon
45 Hubble component
47 Mont. neighbor
50 More tense
52 Movie theater
54 Struck out
58 Honor
59 Suppress
60 Didn't give way
61 Markets

DOWN

1 Tax pro
2 Radio enthusiast
3 Deadly snake
4 Hot pots
5 More creepy
6 Whirlpool
7 Environmental prefix
8 Dice throws
9 Not fooled
11 Grant approval
12 Film spectacular
13 Long time
17 Arguing over price
19 Courage
20 Domed residence
22 Tierra — Fuego
23 Untrained
25 Ms. Thurman
27 Chute material
28 Diva's tunes
31 Dues payer, for short
33 Brownie
35 Pub. prosecutors
39 Regarded as
41 Skirt features
44 Bede of fiction
46 Pyle or Kovacs
47 Motel amenity
48 One of a sinful
49 Before, in combos
51 Preconditions
53 Lamprey
55 Seahawks org.
56 Annex
57 — Moines, Iowa

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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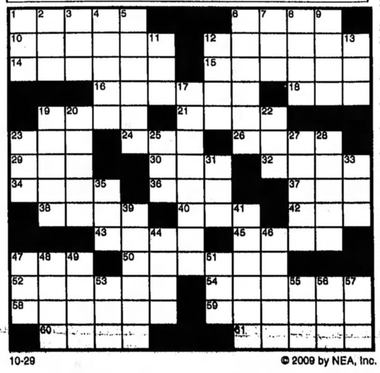

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FEATURES

Frugal Living

Meet the challenges head-on

Sara **NOEL**

On my community forums, we have a section for frugal-living challenges.

This allows readers to set frugal goals and be held accountable by peers. This is one of the greatest motivators, because not only do you have a place to share your own peaks and valleys, you can get inspired by others.

You're welcome to join in at any time. If you don't have Internet access, you can start your own frugal-living challenges at home. Seek a buddy, and consider it a friendly bet. You simply record your results on a regular basis in order to track progress and share your frugal ideas, struggles and triumphs.

Here are a few suggestions.

CHANGE-JAR CHALLENGE: People have the tendency to say they can't save any money. Start with loose change. For this challenge, readers are encouraged to hunt down loose change and pop it into a container. It's fun to read about people cleaning out their cars and couches in search of loose change. For some, it's quite a production with different containers for the various coins and a running tally. Some start out with a coffee can or mason jar. Some people roll their change monthly, and others wait until the end of the year to deposit their savings into the bank. It seems easy, but some people have spouses or kids who "borrow" the change, so they hide it or make it difficult to get into. Some people pay for merchandise with exact change, so they rarely have loose coins. It's inspiring to see how everyone gets their families involved, and the end-of-the-year results are amazing. Equally as inspiring is when the money from a change jar saves the day by paying an unexpected expense or goes toward a vacation. If you have an interesting change-jar story, share it with me.

UTILITY CHALLENGE: This was created to keep utility bills to a minimum. Each day, readers share ways they're cutting back. Some have it down to a science through meter readings and even know how much various appliances cost to run. One reader, Julie from Kentucky, says: "I started doing daily readings on all my utilities to track my usage and fixed a spreadsheet to calculate what my current bill would be with that day's reading. I started seeing patterns and adjusted my usage accordingly. Now I've set a 'daily goal' for each utility, and I am watching it like a hawk to stay under."

This type of motivator gets people thinking. They're adding programmable thermostats, using power strips, etc. It's empowering to see their savings each month. The stories are funny, too.

GROCERY CHALLENGE: This helps people save on their food bill. Topics and tracking include using coupons, meal planning, creating a food budget, stocking up on sales and eating out less often. It's interesting to see how people manage to feed their families based on their monthly targeted budget. People share ideas for low-cost snacks and dinners and ways to make over leftovers.

There are numerous challenges you can start. Think about an area you'd like to work on, and challenge yourself to reach your frugal goals.

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

PAGEANTS

Gabriella Marie Spina

Gabriella Marie Spina, 2-year-old daughter of Vicki Spina, of Adah, and granddaughter of John and Sally Spina, of Belle Vernon, won the title of Baby Miss Mid Mon Valley at the Miss Mon Valley pageant held Sept. 27. She also won the "most photogenic" plaque. She will attend upcoming public events and parades.

Gabriella has also been named America's Pampered Princess of 2009, and America's Star of the Northeast 2009 in America's Pampered Prince and Princess national baby search.

She is a member of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Belle Vernon.

Gabriella

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WEDDINGS

Billy-Peters

Marie Elizabeth Billy and Edwin Stephen Peters, both of Alexandria, Va., were united in marriage during a September ceremony in St Vincent Basilica, Latrobe. A reception followed at La Tavola, New Stanton.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Lisa Billy, of Monessen. She is the granddaughter of John and Madeline Billy, also of Monessen, and Thomas and Marie Katana, of Latrobe. The groom is the son of Stephen and Rita Peters, of Uniontown. He is the grandson of Jean Peperak, of Connellsville.

The bride was presented in marriage by her father and attended by Jess Anselmino as matron of honor. Michael Edgar served as best man.

The Rev. Jude Peters, cousin of the groom, officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Monessen High School and St. Vincent College and works as demand management specialist with Rosetta Stone Ltd. in Arlington, Va. The groom, a graduate of Geible High School and St Vincent College, is employed as a hotel manager with Marriott Corporation in Alexandria.

Marie and Ed Peters

Following a honeymoon to Ireland, the couple will be residing in Alexandria.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Catholic Women's College Club

The Catholic Women's College Club began its 2009-10 meeting year on Sept. 14 at Paolo's Restaurant in Charleroi. Kathy Heino, chaplain, offered the opening prayer before the buffet dinner. Vice President Susan Gessner introduced her daughter, Liz Gessner, and Greg Davies who provided musical selections during dinner.

President Camilla Ferrara opened the business meeting and asked all members to join her in reciting the 23rd Psalm, which is the theme for this year. September was celebrated as the month of Security with "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want" as the focal point. Secretary Marie Feick and Treasurer Martha Ghilani gave their reports. Both the minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

The club yearbook, made by Gessner, was distributed to all members with meeting dates and committee appointments listed. Standing committee reports were given. Margie Pankiewicz, ambassador of faith chairwoman, asked members to advise her of names that should be added to the visiting list. Noreen Fazzini, charitable services chairwoman, told of visits made, cards sent, and gifts given to the sick, the needy, and the homebound through the summer months. Dorothy Jozwiak reported that the welfare committee offered Masses for various members who were ill and those who have lost family members. The committee has also been sending birthday cards to CWCC members.

New member Christine Zboyovsky was introduced and welcomed to the group. Adeleine Sala and Cathy Yurkovich were remembered with September birthdays. The gift of the month was won by Pauline Law. Hostesses for the September meeting were the officers, Ferrara, Gessner, Feick, and Ghilani.

OLoV Christian Mothers/Women's Guild

Our Lady of the Valley Christian Mothers/Women's Guild met at the St. Dominic cafeteria with 36 members present. President Evelyn Vehouc called the meeting to order with the pledge and confraternity prayers. Special guests were Regina Putnak and Cecelia Carlphillips.

Vice President Mary Kosh completed the roll call while Secretary Mary Smith read the previous meeting's minutes and Treasurer Elaine Andras gave the bank and social reports and accounting of the strudel bake sale.

Vehouc said the strudel bake sale was a huge success, stating that 735 rolls were sold. She thanked the following volunteers for their service: Alice Bamford, Jeri Drake, the Rev. Joseph Oppong, John Haller, Ann Harvey, Marge McKita, Mary Strain, AnnaMarie Vayansky, Carl Vehouc, Patrick Weiner and Wally Zielinski.

The Christmas dinner this year will be held Dec. 9 at St. Dominic cafeteria as a sit-down, old-fashioned dinner.

Tentatively, the nut roll sale is scheduled for Dec. 1-4. Volunteers are needed for the parish spaghetti dinner for Nov. 8.

The tables were adorned with a Halloween motif with candy as favors. Members were served pumpkin cakes prepared by chairperson Renee Brooks and her aides, Rosalie Debowski, Carol Griger, Theresa Sanchez, Dorothy Sukla and Violet Zielinski.

Debowski, Griger, Millie Krupa and Dorothy Petrus were serenaded with the singing of "Happy Birthday."

Winners for the evening were Rose Galiffa, Margaret Jarson and Theresa Sanchez for tip boards, Adele McKita and Agnes Gaydos for share the wealth and Dorothy Sukla for attendance.

The Nov. 10 meeting will be held at the St. Philip Neri school cafeteria with Vera Trona, chairperson and Marie Fronzaglio, Galiffa, Mary Jane Hevia, Vera Klein, Millie Krupa as aides.

All members, in unison, called to close the meeting.

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2010 CHEVY MALIBU #90045 — SAVE OVER $3600 (Before Cash/Trade Equity) — 0% APR UP TO 60 MONTHS — LEASE FOR $219/MO. — LEASE IS THRU GMAC, 48 MONTHS/12,000 MILES A YEAR WITH $3000 DOWN PLUS TAX, TITLE AND FEES.
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jobs & more

General — Jobs

APPLY WITHIN: Breakfast Host, Evening Desk Agents, Maintenance/Houseman, Housekeeping Management & Room Attendants. No phone calls please. Exp. required. Hampton Inn 1525 Broad Ave. Ext., Belle Vernon, PA.

BARTENDER needed for local club. For more information call 724-470-8498.

CREW LEADER

Industry leading Monongahela, PA area manufacturer of HVAC components seeks reliable Crew Leader. Union wages/benefits, occasional OT, drug free workplace, standing 8-10 hrs/day, lift up to 50 lbs. Apply (8am-4pm) Ductmate Industries, Inc., 1502 Industrial Drive, Monongahela, PA 15063. Fax 724-310-1238. humanresources@dmicompanies.com

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PART-TIME TELLER position for local Federal Credit Union. 3 day work week. Send resume and cover letter to Box 962 c/o The Valley Independent Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062.

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER INSERTER

SATURDAY MORNING SHIFT
This job entails placing circulars into the newspaper.
- 12AM to 4AM
- $7.25 starting wage
- Quarterly bonus program
- This position involves bending, stooping, standing for extended periods of time and lifting
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THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT MAILROOM

PART-TIME
GENERAL LABORERS
$7.25 Per Hour Starting Rate
We are looking for individuals to work in a production line type atmosphere. Moving and working with in-house and commercial products from their inception to their completion. Approximately 20+ hours per week.
Must be:
- Flexible on days and hours of availability
- Able to work overtime when needed
- Able to bend, stoop and lift repeatedly
- Able to lift medium weight, forty pounds + when needed
- Able stand for extended periods of time
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General — Jobs

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Post-Secondary Career School has a part-time position avail. www.dec.edu/employment

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Medical — Jobs

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Needed part-time, evening hours required for fast paced medical office. Competitive pay. Experience preferred. Email resume to: medhr@live.com

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legals

Estate Notices — Legals

Barczuk, Adolph O.
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of ADOLPH O. BARCZUK, late of Donora, Washington County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Washington County on October 16, 2009. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

John J. Danek, Executor
87 Craven Drive
Charleroi, PA 15022

Michael A. Johnson
Attorney at Law
749 North Church Street
Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
10/29;11/5,12

ESTATE NOTICE
NO. 26-09-0683

Estate of LOIS BLOWER, deceased, late of Fayette City, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Letters of Administration upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the estate are requested to make known the same to the undersigned and all persons indebted to the decedent are requested to make payment to the undersigned without delay.

William E. Blower,
Administrator
306 Brownsville Road
Fayette City, PA 15438
10/22,29;11/5

Meeting Notices — Legals

NOTICE

A special meeting of the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi Board will be held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 5:00 PM at the Authority office located at 3 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022.

The purpose of the meeting will be the discussion of utility rates and any other business to come before the Board.
10/29

PUBLIC HEARING
BOROUGH OF DONORA
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Borough of Donora Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex to hear a request for a variance by the owner of 423 Murray Avenue who wishes to enclose the front porch of their residence which will be less than the required front yard depth which is located in an R2 two family residence district.

Casey J. Perrotta
Code Enforcement & Zoning Officer
10/29

Government Notices

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA
No. 2009-7799

'IN RE: Tax Claim Bureau's Return of Upset Sale September 23rd 2009

Notice is hereby given that the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau did make a return to the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania, at the above number and Term, of the sale of real estate for taxes on October 23rd 2009, and that the same was confirmed nisi on said date by the said Court of Common Pleas, and the objections thereto may be filed by any owner or lien creditor within thirty (30) days after said date of said return. Any objections filed on said sale, must reference Docket No. 2009-7799, by naming the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau and the successful bidder as defendants: otherwise, the return will be confirmed absolutely.

Washington County
Tax Claim Bureau
By: Debbie Bardella,
Director of Revenue
10/29

real estate

Houses/Washington

Real Estate-For Sale

DONORA- duplex, good rental unit. For sale by owner. Needs minor work. $11,000 or best offer. Call 724-929-2820.

DONORA- rent to own 2 bedroom home, needs work. Little money down, flexible terms. Please call 724-787-5467.

FALLOWFIELD TWP. New Listing. What a find! This beautiful 3 bedroom home has been redone from top to bottom! New roof, electrical, hot water tank, windows, kitchen carpet, etc.! You don't want to miss this one! $98,000.

CHARLEROI New Listing. Cute 3 bedroom home, walking distance to town for easy living! Updated kitchen and 1st floor laundry! All rooms are nice sizes. Truly ready to move in! $42,500.

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Houses/Westmoreland

Real Estate-For Sale

MONESSEN- 8 Rex Dr. For Sale By Owner. 3 bedroom brick ranch. Taking bids. Appointments only, please call 724-317-8289

MONESSEN City Park area beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch, completely remodeled. All new hardwood floors, windows, roof, doors, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, professionally landscaped. Finished basement w/fireplace & bar. Lots of storage & garage. By owner, must see. $129,900. 724-331-1811.

NORTH BELLE VERNON 2 bedroom, 2 ½ bath, completely remodeled, corner lot. By owner. Call 302-373-7572.

Houses/Other Areas

Real Estate-For Sale

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MONESSEN 2 bedroom, 1 full bath, aluminum ranch. Has been well maintained. Large family room, eat-in kitchen & updated furnace. Great investment or 1st time buyer! $13,900.

CHARLEROI 2 bedroom aluminum ranch with 2 full baths, large storage area in basement could be finished. Updated main floor bath & kitchen. Fully applianced too! Move in ready! $47,900.

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ROSTRAVER TWP. Charming 2 bedroom Cape Cod. Well maintained. Completely updated. Asking $89,900.

MONONGAHELA 3 bedroom Tudor in the Mounds area. Off street parking. Call for appt. $94,921.

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Apartments/Fayette

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FAYETTE CITY- large 2 bedroom, 1st floor, laundry hook-ups. $575 includes water, sewage & garbage. Call 412-583-6829.

NEAR BELLE VERNON- 2 bedroom apt., stove & refrigerator. $595 incl. all utilities. No pets. 724-929-4258 or 724-483-2290.

Apartments/Washington

Real Estate-For Rent

CHARLEROI (2) 2 bedroom apartments $400+ utilities. (1) studio apartment $275+ electric. Call 724-873-7260.

CHARLEROI- 1 bedroom, living room, kitchen, bath, stove & refrig, washer, dryer, w/w carpet. $595 incl. water, garbage, sewage & heat. No pets. 724-554-0637.

CHARLEROI-1 bedroom apartment for rent. $475 per month, all utilities included except electric. Please call 412-583-6829.

CHARLEROI- large, clean 1 bedroom apts., new carpet, furnished. $250-$300 per month, 1 month free. Call David 1-888-477-9773.

CHARLEROI 1 & 2 bedroom. Includes electric & water, parking. Starting at $325 per month. Call 724-483-0939.

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With intercom, wall to wall carpet, washer/ dryer. $350-$500. Security deposit. No pets.:
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CHARLEROI 1 bedroom, immaculate, new paint, carpeting, free parking. $495 per month includes all utilities. 724-825-8395.

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★ CHARLEROI And DONORA ★
1 & 2 Bedroom Apts. Clean & Secure
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DONORA- 2 bedrooms, large living room, eat-in kitchen, w/w carpeting. Ready now. No pets. Call 724-379-6492.

DONORA convenient downtown location, 2 bedroom. $350 per month plus utilities. Call 724-258-5536.

DONORA Nice size 1 bedroom, tile floors, updated kitchen, all appliances. Peaceful neighborhood. Great Dane Realty 724-684-9600.

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Apartments/Washington

Real Estate-For Rent

FALLOWFIELD TWP. nice 1 bedroom apt. $295 water, sewage, garbage included. Call 724-929-4936.

FINLEYVILLE 2 bedroom upstairs apartment, clean. $500 per month plus utilities.
Call 724-942-4658.

MONONGAHELA convenient downtown location, 1 bedroom. $350 per month plus electric. Call 724-258-5536.

MONONGAHELA large newly remodeled 2 bedroom with laundry. Immediate occupancy. Call 412-559-2785.

MONONGAHELA wonderful 1 & 2 bedroom apts. Convenient locations. Three apts. available have your pick. Renting from $400-$425+ utilities. Freshly painted & ready to move in. Call Peggy for more information 724-986-5553.

MONONGAHELA 423 Parkinson St. 2 bedrooms. $275+ utilities & security deposit. 724-825-5761 or 724-258-9532.

MONONGAHELA 1 bedroom, 2nd floor apartment, clean. $375 per month plus utilities.
Call 724-942-4658.

MONONGAHELA 2 bedroom, private, 1st floor, fireplace, back yard. $430 per month plus utilities. Call 724-258-2473.

MONONGAHELA- 3 bedroom apartment, +90 heat, central air, laundry room, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove. No pets. $550 + utilities & security. 724-258-2718 leave message.

N.CHARLEROI- 313½ Sheppard St. 2 bedrooms. ALSO: MONONGAHELA- 425 Jackson St. 1 bedroom ranch. Each: $425+ utilities, security & references. No pets. Call 724-518-5440.

Apartments/Other Areas

Real Estate-For Rent

BELLE VERNON & MONONGAHELA
Modern 1 bedroom apartments. Air conditioning, refrigerator, stove, elevator, intercom, laundry, balcony, storage, security. Starting at $375 + utilities.
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Houses/Fayette

Real Estate-For Rent

BELLE VERNON nice 3 bedroom, freshly painted, new carpets, garage, absolutely no pets. $750+ utilities, sec. dep., credit check & references. 724-483-5977.

WASHINGTON TWP. nice 2 bedroom, just upgraded, large rooms, C/A, no pets, non-smoking. $600+ utilities. Call 724-326-4834.

Houses/Washington

Real Estate-For Rent

CHARLEROI 3 bedroom home, wall/wall carpeting, nice kitchen, dining room, living room. $550+ utilities. Call 412-403-5967.

CHARLEROI 3 bedroom, equipped kitchen, fenced yard. No pets. $450 plus security deposit. Hud approved. Call 724-258-8635.

DONORA
2 bedroom house, bath, A/C, yard. Some utilities. Hud accepted.
NORTH CHARLEROI
3 bedroom, kitchen, living room, 1 ½ bath, A/C. Some utilities. Hud accepted.
724-554-1523

Houses/Washington

Real Estate-For Rent

DONORA
3/4 Bedroom
SECTION 8 OK
1/2 duplex, newly renovated. Additional room, kitchen, living room, central air.
Call 724-544-5804

DONORA excellent condition 3 bedroom, nice, clean, full basement & yard. No pets. Call 724-929-2818.

DONORA Rent to own. 2/3 bedroom. $2,000 down. $350.00 per month.
Call 724-875-9123.

MONONGAHELA
Elegant Executive
Totally remodeled stone home, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths & (2) 1/2 baths, fireplace, hardwood floors, 2 kitchens (1 w/stainless steel appliances), 3 car garage, large yard, patio, deck with fireplace. Inground pool available. Lease. $1575 month + utilities, security, references.
Call 724-258-4000

NORTH CHARLEROI 2 bedroom ½ duplex. $375 plus security deposit.
Call 724-267-4405.

STOCKDALE ½ duplex, 2 bedrooms, recently remodeled. $500.00 plus utilities and security deposit. Call 724-366-6170.

Houses/Westmoreland

Real Estate-For Rent

MONESSEN- 3 bedroom, excellent condition. Peaceful neighborhood. Contact Great Dane Realty at 724-684-9600.

MONESSEN- 928 Locust. Peaceful area. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Stove & dishwasher included. $525 per month. Call 724-689-7551.

MONESSEN 2 1/2 bedrooms, back yard, off-street parking. $560 inc. water, sewage, garbage. 724-518-1677

MONESSEN 3 bedroom house, 1 ½ baths, off street parking. $595 per month plus utilities. Call 724-696-9450.

ROSTRAVER-beautiful 2 bedroom, family room, great kitchen, a/c, privacy, view. $635. No pets. Call 1-717-569-8671.

ROSTRAVER- 3 bedrooms, close to Rt. 51 & I70. $800 includes water & garbage. No pets. Security deposit. Call 724-930-7317.

ROSTRAVER/Belle Vernon very nice 2 bedroom ½ duplex, air, laundry hook-up, cathedral ceiling, convenient to 51 & 70. $700 INCLUDES heat, water, garbage. No pets. Hud ok. 412-867-6160 or 724-261-7031.

Commercial Real Estate

Real Estate

FAYETTE CITY for rent formerly Skibo's Salon, 1,155 sq. ft. Call for details 412-583-6829.

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Houses/Other Areas

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miscellaneous & notices

Cemetery Lots

2 LEVEL LOTS at MV Memorial Park in Well of Samaria section, near main road, across from old school. $855 for both. 724-929-4578.

Lost & Found

FIND SOMETHING?
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Place your lost & found ad FREE. Runs 7 days at no charge.
Please call 724-684-2612 or 724-684-2613

LOST- men's wedding band, silver with a line of gold on edge. By Monessen Foodland. Call 724-684-6210.

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$195 DIVORCE COMPLETE
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Auto

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SAVE $6,581
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NEW 2010 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LX
MSRP $28,245.00
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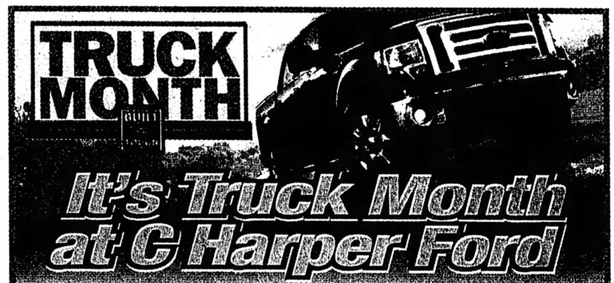

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SCORPIO
October 24 through November 21

Lady Luck could be a silent partner, influencing you to do things on a grander scale in the year ahead. It's up to you whether you choose to follow her lead or not, but this choice will be responsible for how much you accomplish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You can get a few nasty chores out of the way if you grin and bear it, roll up your sleeves and simply dive in. Remember the old saying, "The harder you try, the luckier you get." It can be yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Even though you're a fun-loving person who enjoys gatherings, the presence of someone you don't like could spoil your fun. Consider what's more acceptable to you: staying or leaving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take care not to ask for trouble, and don't establish objectives that you know are beyond your reach. Set realistic goals, even if that means taking small steps.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A conversation with an individual who has little vision and a negative outlook is asking for a depressing outcome that could affect your positive mindset. Stay clear of this person.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Beware of inclinations to be indifferent or sluggish, and take advantage of fortuitous developments that cross your path. Don't let good things slip through your fingers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you close your mind to all other points of view, a disagreement cannot be resolved. Listening to another's opinions doesn't mean you lose; instead, it might bring more credibility to your argument.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Unless you have the proper personnel, tools and methods in place to perform a specific task, it's unlikely you'll succeed. Make sure that all three are at your disposal before you start anything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Although someone you like might be a bit difficult to get along with, don't take it personally and make a big deal out of it. If it isn't this person's normal behavior, this too shall pass.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- If you are out of sorts, it is most likely that you will lack consistency and be deprived of daily successes. If things aren't cooking, get out of the kitchen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Watch what comes out of your mouth so that you don't unintentionally say something harsh that would offend a listener. Think before you speak.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- One way to get adequate mileage from your financial resources is to avoid temptations to splurge foolishly on unnecessary things. Forgo satisfying a momentary whim.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If you have to deal with an individual who is in as much of an ornery mood as you are, look out. When two angry forces meet, there is usually a war that comes to pass.

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